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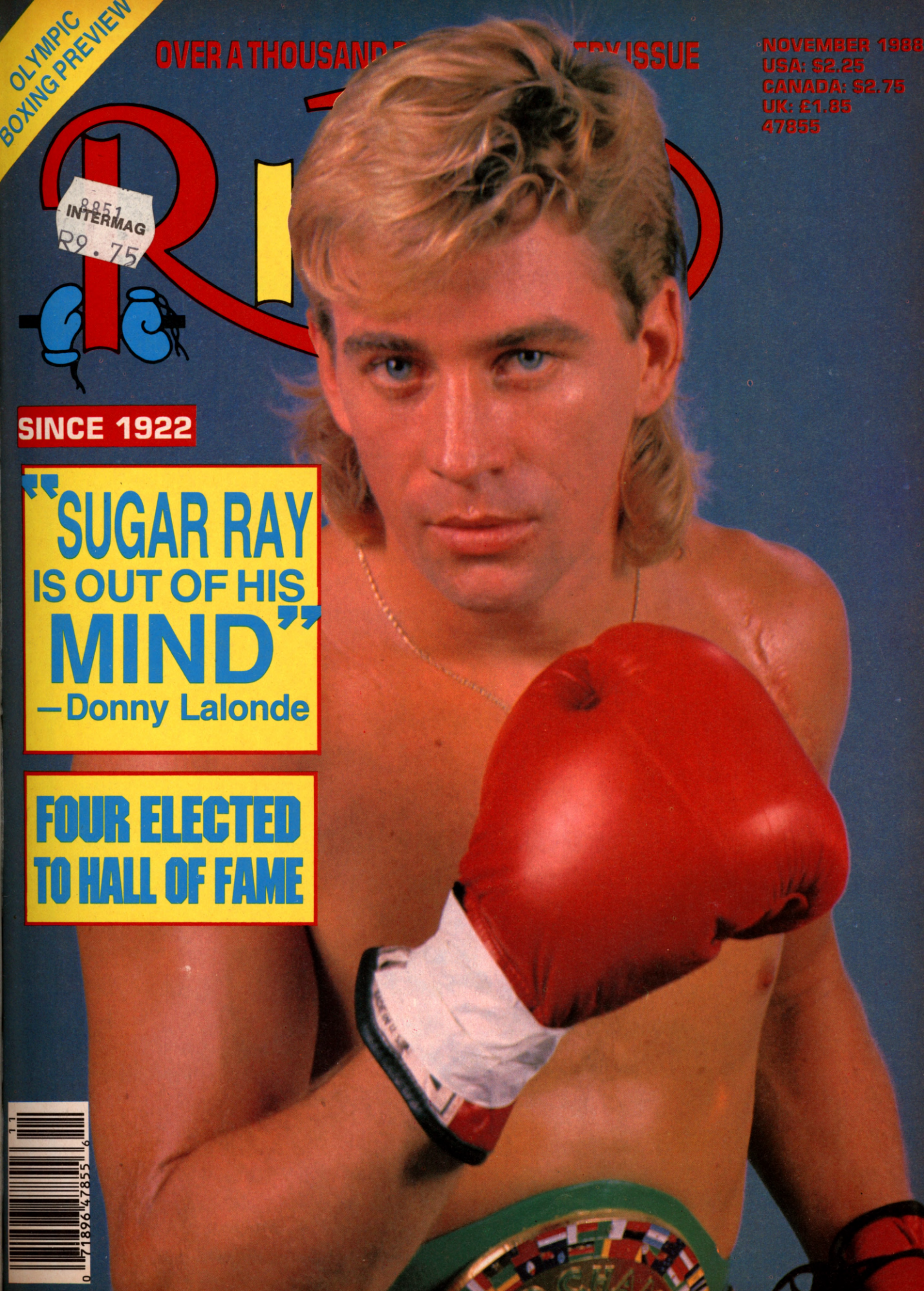

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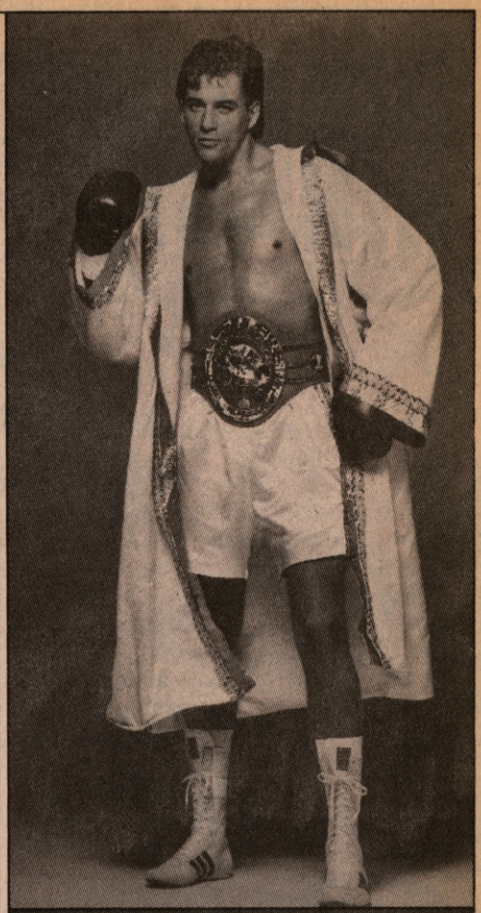

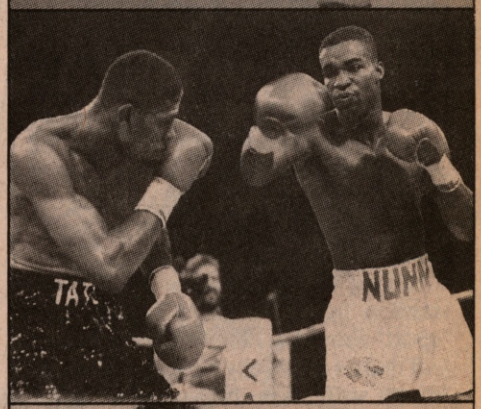

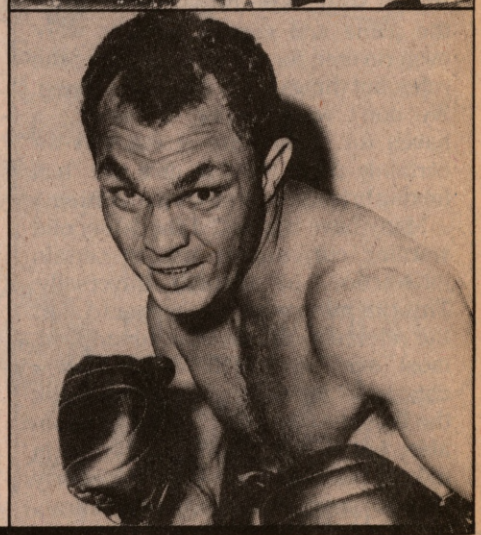

RINGSIDE

THE MAILBAG HAS BEEN FILLING UP rapidly with letters from fans irate about the after-the-bell punch which knocked out Marlon Starling and gave Tomas Molinares the WBA welterweight title. While many readers concede Starling violated boxing's first law of "protect yourself at all times," they also feel the "Magic Man" was robbed of his belt in a less-than-honorable manner. I have to agree.

Though I can't recall another title changing hands on such a blatant late shot, punching after the bell had reached practically epidemic proportions some time before Starling was cold cocked in Atlantic City. Molinares didn't do anything I haven't seen Mike Tyson do half a dozen times. He just did it more effectively. And how about the left hook Azumah Nelson nailed Lupe Suarez with just after the bell sounded ending the eighth round of their recent clash for the WBC super featherweight title? Suarez never recovered and was a sitting duck when he came out for the ninth.

Boxing is supposed to be a "fair, standup fight." It's what elevates the "sport" above the common street brawl and makes it morally palatable. I know "rough stuff" has always been part of the game and certain fighters were even revered for the way they bent the rules, but things are getting out of hand. We don't want boxing to become a haven for cheap shot artists and we certainly don't want to give the "ban boxing brigade" any new ammunition.

Many have suggested the 10-second warning currently in use in certain jurisdictions be adopted universally. This rule allows the timekeeper to alert the referee to the fact the round is almost over, giving the third man a chance to get into position to break the fighters at the bell. Sounds reasonable, but it won't solve the problem unless referees also start rigorously docking points for after-the-bell infractions. Without a deterrent, the crimes will surely continue.

Of course, taking away a point or two wouldn't have helped Starling too much. So what can be done?

Unfortunately, there is no fool-proof answer. No type of regulation would cover every situation fairly. Basically, it's a horse/barn door situation. You can't take the punch back after it's landed. The only answer is to enforce the rules *before* someone — in this case Starling — gets shafted. If referees take a strong stance and start penalizing all offenders, including the stars, this nasty habit will soon all but disappear.

Nigel Collins

P.S.
I'm glad Sugar Ray Leonard is back. He's got too much to offer boxing to waste his last few prime years behind a microphone. But I'm not so glad Ray decided he needed the phony "super middleweight" title to sweeten the pot. Just the fact he'll be the first former middleweight champ to go after (at least a portion of) the light heavyweight title since Dick Tiger decisioned Jose Torres, December 16, 1966, is good enough for me. By the way, super middleweight fans, Tiger weighed 167 to Torres' 175 for that one.

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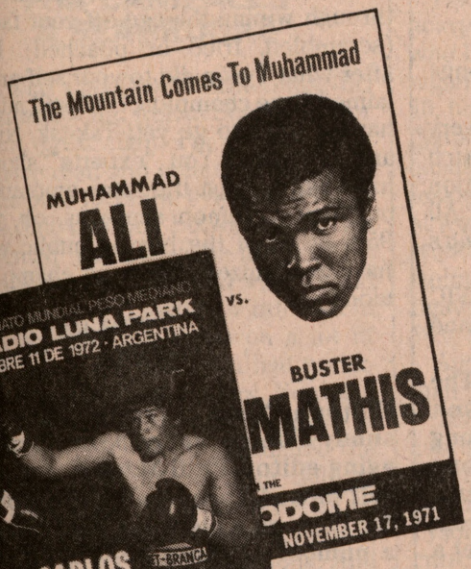

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TYSON-SPINKS AFTERMATH

I HAVE JUST WATCHED THE TYSON-Spinks fight and feel cheated. Michael Spinks let me down. For months, I constantly defended Spinks' claim to the world heavyweight title. I did so in innumerable arguments, in my job as provincial journalist, on my sports show on hospital radio, wherever I could.

I defended Spinks in the teeth of the "alphabet-loving" British boxing press. On the night of the fight, commentator Reg Gutteridge derided the announcer's comments that Spinks was *The Ring*'s champion, and Reg should know better.

What did Spinks do? He didn't even put up a fight. What went wrong? How could such a class fighter offer no resistance?

Believe me, I am happy that the heavyweight title issue is settled at last. I look forward to the day when we have eight undisputed champions and alphabet soup is back where it belongs — on the supermarket shelves.

However, for the moment I feel very tired having got up very early to watch 91 seconds of nothing. My reputation as a boxing authority lies in tatters. All I have to look forward to is *The Ring*'s report on the fight.

MIKE PAVASOVIC
Cheshire, England

Editor's Note: Cheer up, Mike. The fact Spinks flopped so fast doesn't mean you or THE RING were wrong taking a stance which upheld one of boxing's greatest traditions. Perhaps the following letter from Mr. Kucij will also make you feel a little better.

I AM ENCLOSING $18 FOR A SUBSCRIPtion to your magazine. My hat's off to *The Ring* for sticking to your guns about linear champions. To be champion, a boxer needs to beat the existing champion in the ring, not be given the title by some "sanctioning body."

TIM M. KUCIJ
Covina, CA

I'M SURE THAT BY NOW YOU FOLKS at *The Ring* should be just about through wiping the egg off your faces (scrambled, fried or poached). But after what Tyson did to your self-proclaimed "true champion," you still might have a ways to go yet! Tsk-tsk, Nigel and company. You "experts" should have had at least the same amount of pugilistic common sense as, oh, the 95% or so of the boxing public who have recognized Tyson as champ all along.

TOM RAWLINGS
Wheeling, W. Virginia

Editor's Note: I enjoy my eggs sunny-side-up, but as both our managing editor, Phill Marder, and myself picked Tyson to win we'd prefer them on a plate. As I've written a number of times before: "If the best boxer is always the champion, no title would ever change hands."

WELL, I JUST GOT THROUGH watching the Tyson-Spinks mismatch for the third time and I'm sitting here wondering if anybody could have survived that kind of surgery — awesome! I can hardly wait for my next issue of *The Ring* to see you finally rank Mr. Tyson as the undisputed "world" champion.

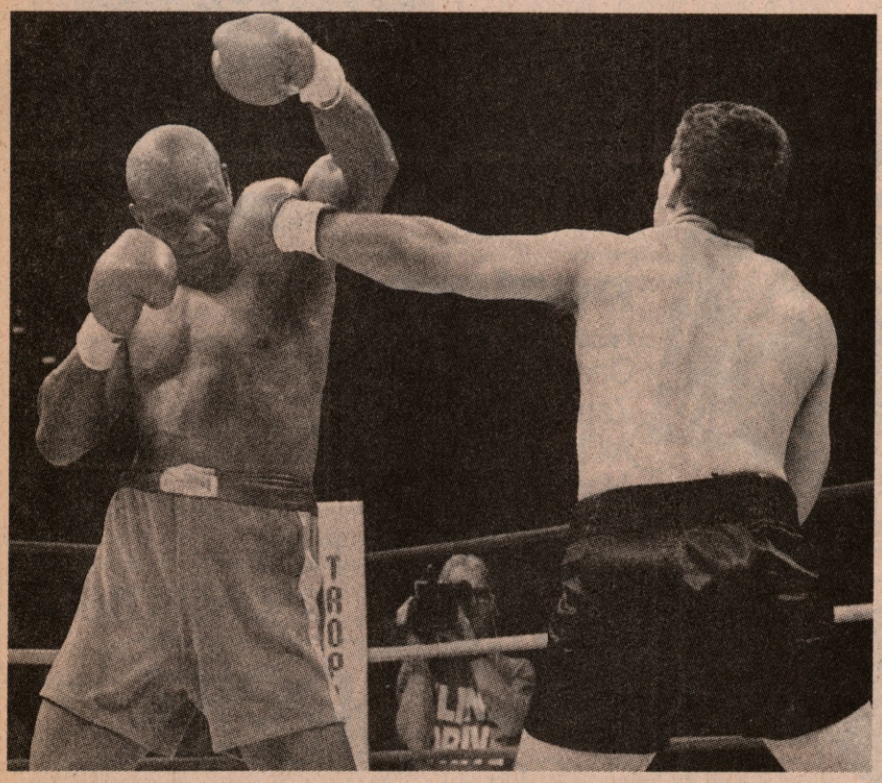
JOHN SMITH
Plymouth, Indiana

WHAT WILL *THE RING* DO IF ONE OF the governing bodies strips Mike Tyson as the IBF and WBC have already threatened to do?

DANNY GONZALES
Los Angeles, CA

Editor's Note: The same thing THE RING did when Muhammad Ali, Michael Spinks and countless others were stripped — nothing. Once a title is won, the champion holds it until he retires, dies or is beaten.

THOUGHTS THE DAY AFTER: Aruugha! Aruugha! Aruugha!



Robert T. Goff is among the growing number of readers who want to see George Foreman get a crack at Mike Tyson. Big George is pictured here on his way to a TKO over Carlos Hernandez for his 10th straight comeback victory.

PHOTO BY JACK GOODMAN

"Dive" "Dive" "Dive"
Aruugha! Aruugha! Aruugha!

J.V. DALESSANDRO
Philadelphia, PA

P.S.:
I'm glad I didn't pay for these tickets.

WELL-DESERVED PRAISE FOR CANIZALES & SEABROOKS

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ORLANDO Canizales and Kelvin Seabrooks for a great, great fight. I'm a boxing fan and have read and collected *The Ring* for the past 15 years. I've seen a lot of fights, but this one between you two gentlemen will always be the greatest to me. Kelvin, you showed what a good champion is: you lost your title, but in doing so, I'm sure you won a lot of hearts. After the fight you had no excuses like so many boxers. You also showed what good sportsmanship is all about when you congratulated the new champion and put your belt on him. I'm a musician and on behalf of R. Pulido, the band and myself, I would like to wish you both good luck. And may your conduct be a good example to other boxers.

MANUEL VARGAS
Corpus Christi, TX

GIVE FOREMAN A CHANCE

THE RING HAS ALWAYS ADVOCATed tradition and fairness in boxing. It is for those reasons and others that you should support George Foreman's challenge to fight Mike Tyson.

Foreman is the only undisputed heavyweight champion in over 30 years who has never been given a chance to regain his title. Although Foreman is 40, both Ali and Holmes received title fights when close to 40. Though the quality of Foreman's opponents since making his comeback has been poor, at least he has fought someone before requesting a title fight. Neither Ali nor Holmes were required to fight a top 10 fighter before receiving a title fight. Why should Foreman?

And what could be more impressive than 10 knockouts in 10 fights?

The issue is not whether Foreman can beat Tyson. The issue is whether Foreman has a right, as a former undisputed heavyweight champion, to fight Tyson. Based on past performance, current performance and boxing history, it's only fair that Foreman gets his chance.

ROBERT T. GOFF
Worcester, MA

PACHECO UNFAIR TO TILLIS

I AM WRITING IN REGARD TO THE comments made by Ferdie Pacheco during the Evander Holyfield-James "Quick" Tillis bout. This man has an obvious dislike for the sport that brought him fame and fortune. He lashed out at Tillis with cheap shots like "He's looking for a place to lay down" and when the doctor was called in to examine Tillis after the fifth round, Ferdie said, "That's an easy way to get out of here."

Tillis didn't deserve this kind of assault. He did his best and was simply outclassed. If Ferdie can't keep his derogatory comments off the air, maybe he should find other means of employment.

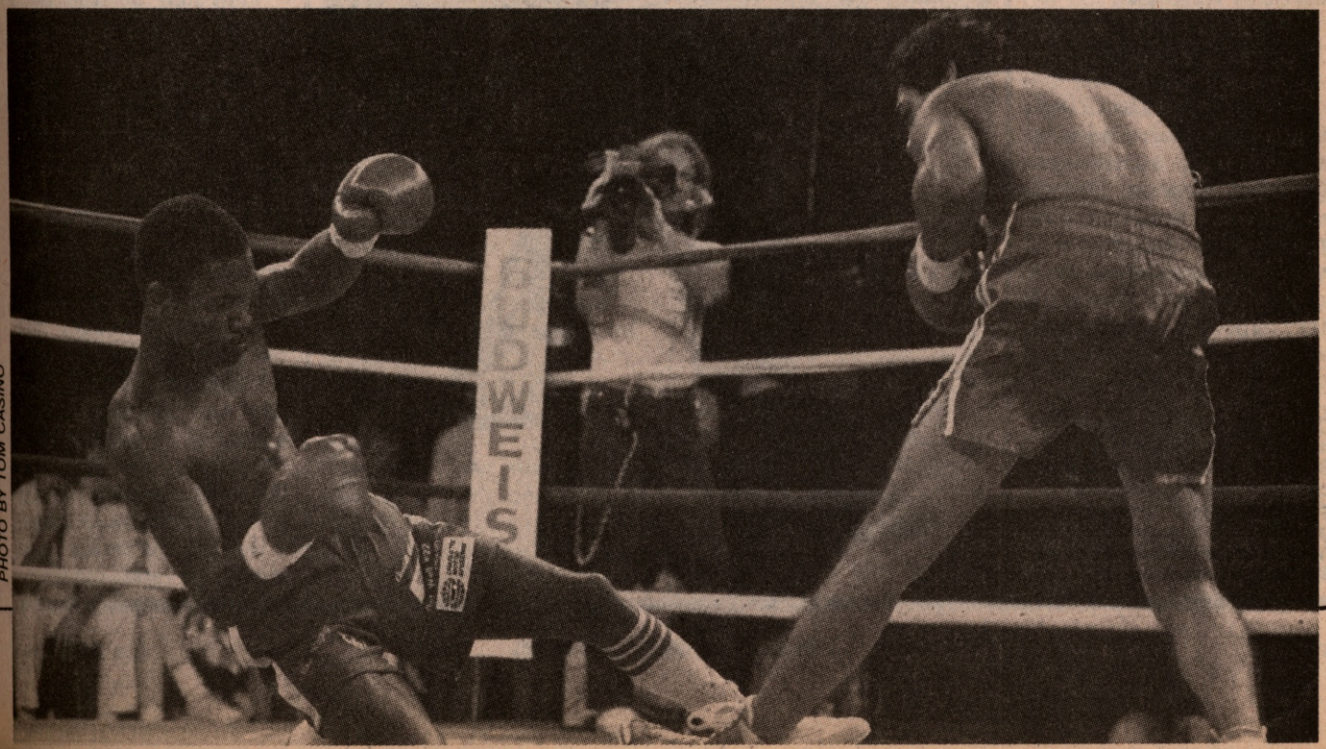
JIM CIMAROLLI
Sulphur Springs, TX

PANAMANIAN PLEASURE

I AM WRITING TO SAY WHAT A PLEAsure I got from reading the August '88 issue of *The Ring*. James Dusgate's excellent article "Panama Revisited" brought back vivid memories of the city which I visited some years ago. I was surprised to read of the belief in witches. I thought this folklore had passed from popular belief! In regards to the magnificent Duran, surely he would show wisdom by retiring now after such an outstanding career.

WILLIAM A. THORNE
London, England

Reader Manuel Vargas is among thousands of fans who enjoyed CBS's telecast of the Orlando Canizales-Kelvin Seabrooks match in Atlantic City. Canizales (right) captured the IBF bantamweight belt with a thrilling 15-round TKO over the defending champ.



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ROUND ONE

By Phill Marder

RIDE 'EM PALOMINO

"Fists of Steel" is coming to your local theaters soon.

The film stars former world welterweight champion **Carlos Palomino** and features **Alexis Arguello, Ruben Castillo, Danny "Little Red" Lopez, Armando Muniz** and **Efren Herrera**. But despite its star and its title, it's not another boxing flick.

Instead, "Fists of Steel" presents Palomino as a Hispanic James Bond action hero who is involved with international terrorists, drug dealers and his pursuit of a brilliant, but psychotic mastermind and his KGB-trained assassin. And no, Palomino did not prepare for the role by dealing with the WBA and WBC.

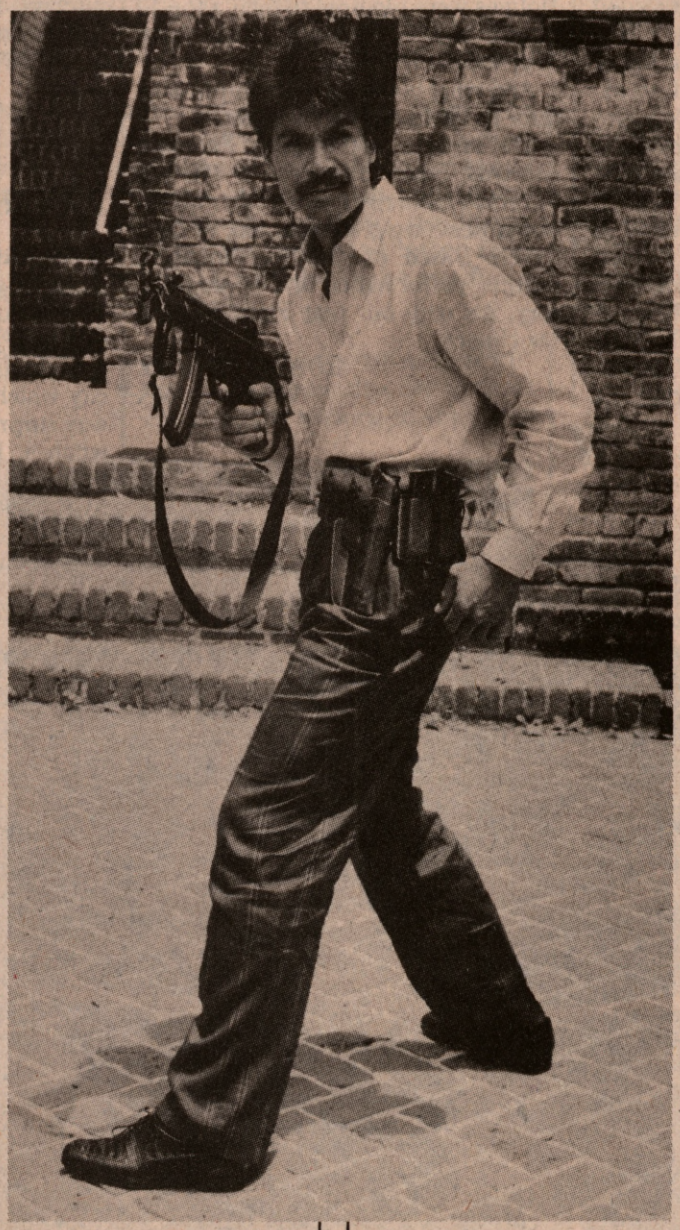
Palomino's hands are damaged in ring battles. Eventually, they are replaced by a steel webbing of bones and knuckles, hence the film's title. Naturally, he is unable to continue boxing, though it is rumored that a new weight division, the Steelweights, will be created to accommodate him. In the meantime, he turns to avenge the death of his father, murdered by terrorists.

LABOR OF LOVE

Ed Walsh, *The Ring*'s Colorado correspondent spearheading a movement to bring back an athletic commission to his state, reports, "The meeting with the State Legislative Committee went as well as could be expected considering the short time we were given to prepare."

Ten spoke in favor of a commission, including two lawyers, a doctor, businessmen, a Golden Gloves official and a fighter. The only speaker against the commission was **Champ Thomas**, who testified he had never met an honest commissioner.

Which brings me to our next topic.



Carlos Palomino in a scene from his upcoming movie "Fists Of Steel." The former welterweight champ probably wishes he could have taken his machine gun into the ring the night he fought Roberto Duran at Madison Square Garden.

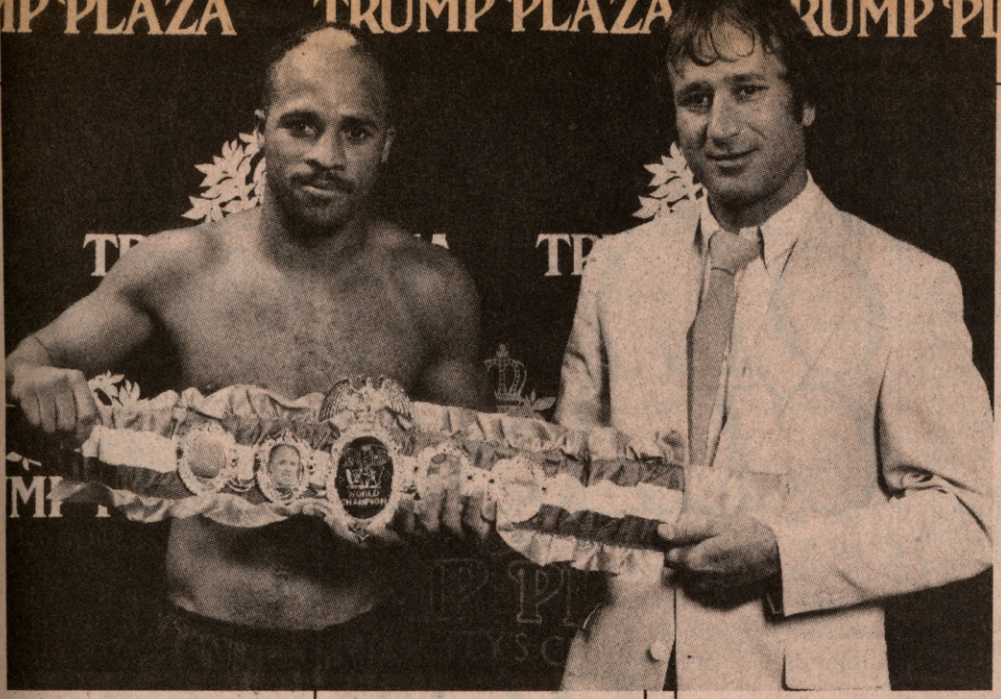
BLOWING SMOKE

Over a year ago, *The Ring* changed its ratings to recognize only the traditional eight weight classes. Our readers asked for it, got it and, for the most part, have supported our stance.

Of course, we knew some would object. Recently, when I was in Atlantic City to present **Lloyd Honeyghan** with his *Ring* championship belt, Honeyghan's manager **Mickey Duff** told me what we had done was dangerous, which was the nicest compliment I've ever received from a promoter. Duff claimed boxing was more popular now than ever and would continue to grow in popularity because "more stupid people are born every year!"

That may be true, but I would hope that there are more intelligent fans of boxing, such as Walsh, who try to do something to right the many wrongs dragging down the sport we love.

It's one thing to sit in an office, smoke cigars, wear stupid hats and criticize, criticize, criticize. But how about offering an alternative a little stronger than recognizing 16 weight classes instead of 17? Big solution. And how about this innovation, the ballot system for ratings? *The Ring* tried the ballot system. By the time a voter's ballot makes it through the mail, numerous days and numerous



Managing editor Phill Marder presents world welterweight champion Lloyd Honeyghan with THE RING championship belt in Atlantic City a few days before Honeyghan's controversial defense over Yung-Kil Chung.

fights have gone by, making the ballot outdated before it's even counted! *The Ring*'s ratings are done the morning they are sent to the wire services and appear in many newspapers the very next day. If your paper doesn't carry them, bend the sports editor's ear.

The Ring offered, and continues to offer, an alternative based solely on what we believe is best for boxing. To those who just blow smoke, put up or shut up. Otherwise, it's just the same old BS.

Which brings me to our next topic.

HE AIN'T HEAVY, HE'S A CRUISER

Several question the ranking of **Evander Holyfield** as the No. 1 heavyweight contender because, "He never fought a heavyweight."

This seems so simple it's hard to fathom having to explain it, but if one believes there is no need for a cruiserweight division, which *The Ring* believes, then every fighter over 175 pounds is a heavyweight. Consequently, every fighter Holyfield has ever met has been a heavyweight according to tradition. Now, look over the records of the top 10 heavyweights and tell me one fighter who deserves to be **Mike Tyson's** No. 1 challenger more than Holyfield.

Some say *The Ring* should just follow along with the pack. But which pack do we follow? Our new ratings page allows you to see just how ludicrous the WBA/WBC/IBF ratings are. Until recently, they didn't even agree on the number of weight classes, and they still don't agree on the names for the weight classes or the weight for the cruiserweight/junior heavyweight division. And one body rates a fighter in one division, while another rates the same fighter in a different division.

People say, "It's here, there's nothing you can do about it." Well, deadly diseases have always been here and people have always fought to find cures. Nuclear weapons are here, but people still fight to abolish them. Apartheid is here, but not everyone just sits back, complains, puffs a cigar and accepts it.

We are not living in the past, but some things from the past should be preserved. Those who loved boxing 30 and 40 years ago were not complete fools.

CASE CLOSED?

Mike Tyson and **Bill Cayton** reached a settlement, and Cayton remains Tyson's manager at a new, reduced rate. One would hope we can now get down to the business of reading about Tyson, the fighter. But don't count on it. There's a lot more garbage to be stirred up. For example, is Mike Tyson Mike Tyson's real name? And if it's not, does anyone care?

ROSIN DUST

Our sincere best wishes to **Michael Spinks**, who retired after a long and distinguished career during which he gave nothing but his best to boxing ... And also to **Randy Gordon**, who begins his new career as New York State Athletic Commissioner. Naturally, New Yorkers will now be following "Randy's Rules" ... **Ed Gersh** recently signed unbeaten middleweight **Darrin Van Horn**. Darrin's father, G.L., who had been his manager, stated, "More expertise than I could possibly provide was needed to further advance his ring career." ... Amateur **Harold Watts** died when a blow to the head caused the rupture of a blood vessel in a sparring session with ranked featherweight **Jeff Franklin** ... Indiana lightweight **Marty Jakubowski** was stabbed in the back by some goon involved in a street gang war at a Fourth of July carnival. He was listed in stable condition with a punctured lung ... A column by **Bob Arum** in *The Las Vegas Sun* declared the Tyson-Spinks fight "was a big bust both artistically and financially." What bothers me is what self-respecting newspaper allows a boxing promoter to write its boxing column? Seems there could be just a hint of a conflict of interest there ... Lloyd Honeyghan has nothing on British middleweight **Nigel Benn**. In a recent tabloid story, Jenny Everett, supposedly Benn's ex-girlfriend, claims the boxer tortured her with a red hot light bulb, beat her across the knees with an exercise bar and head-butted her into unconsciousness. Head-butted her into unconsciousness? Let's hope Benn never fights **Donald Curry** ... Speaking of Brits, **Terry Parnham**, a former fighter confined to a wheelchair with Multiple Sclerosis, has recently published "Poems by the Professionals," over 500 poems by ex-fighters, including **Gene Fullmer**. Parnham now serves as a timekeeper in Britain. To get his book, write Mainstone Publications, 185 Hornchurch Road, Essex RM12 4TE, England. □

THE OLYMPIC CLASS OF 1988'S ROCKY ROAD TO SEOUL

by Jonathan Shapiro

LOU DUVA WAS WATCHING THE OLYMpic trials in Concord, California in July when somebody asked him about the state of amateur boxing in America.

"It needs to become more professional," Duva said.

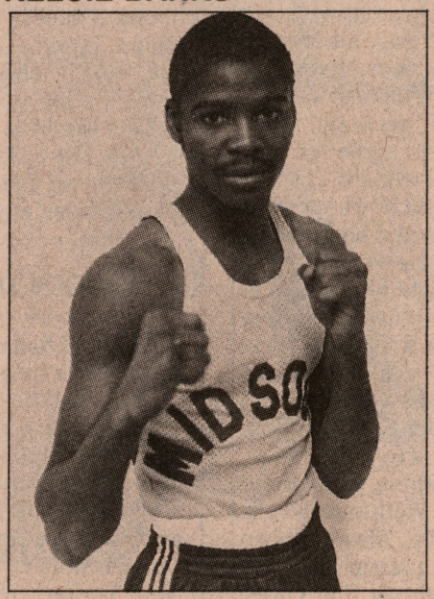
Four years after the Class of '84 brought home an awesome nine medals from the Los Angeles Games, the new crop of U.S. fighters is hoping lightning will strike twice. So far, however, the spotlight has been more on backstage drama than action in the ring.

First, there was the drug problem. Three boxers were dropped from Olympic consideration after flunking the drug tests in the trials at Concord. Then, there was the matter of a coach. Ken Adams of the U.S. Army had been given the Olympic head coaching job last October, but was fired after allegedly assaulting Amateur Boxing Federation accountant Kerstan Dahl at the Federation's headquarters in Colorado Springs. Veteran amateur boxing official Tom Coulter was later named as Adams' replacement, which sparked Army Coach Hank Johnson to turn down a position as assistant coach, even though Johnson had coached the large contingent of Army fighters who make up the present squad. "He does not have the experience to be the head man," Johnson told Keith Jackson on ABC television. "I can't be an assistant to a man that I think I am better than."

Johnson was not the only one to jump ship after Coulter was picked. Sugar Ray Leonard, a technical advisor and coach to the squad, called Coulter's selection "the straw that broke the camel's back" as he stepped down. "It's an unfortunate situation. Logic tells me the candidate for head coach should be judged on performance, and the only guy that comes into my mind is Coach Hank Johnson," Leonard said. "He had five boxers in the Olympic Trial Finals, and they were in better shape than any other group of boxers."

Leonard, who was rumored to have sought the head coaching spot himself, had been the subject of much criticism as a member of the U.S. Olympic program. Several promoters accused him of using his position as a way of recruiting new talent for his pro boxing stable, while some even protested that he had set up T-shirt stands at the amateur events. "I feel that I have become a distraction," Leonard said before abruptly walking out of the

KELCIE BANKS



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MIKE CARBAJAL

ANDREW MAYNARD

press conference he called to announce his own resignation. "I was here because I wanted to be. I was paying my own way."

Just when you thought things could not get worse, there was even some talk that 74-year A.B.F. president Col. Don Hull was not going to be making the trip to Korea because of some controversy over finances. The Alphabet Boys have nothing on these guys.

Through all the bickering, and almost without being noticed, 12 young men fought their hearts out over a series of grueling matches in Concord and Las Vegas for the chance to represent their country against the greatest amateurs in the world today. Dreams of Olympic glory rather than cash is their motivation, although most hope that the Olympics will serve as a springboard to a lucrative pro career as well. In 1984 Evander Holyfield, Paul Gonzales, Frank Tate and Mark Breland were like the members of the Class of '88 — unknowns waiting to break in big. If history is any indication, at least somebody on this year's Olympic Squad is on the verge of becoming a star.

The 1988 U.S. Olympic Boxing Squad:

Overview: The bottom-line boys say don't get your hopes up. In 1984, the Russians were not around, but even if they had been, the U.S. squad was like the '27 Yankees — the kind of team that does not come around very often. The present squad starts off strong in the lower divisions, gets very weak in the middle weights, and boasts one bright spot at heavyweight. With all the problems finding a coach, somebody forgot to teach these fellows defense, and at least one guy on the squad, Todd Foster, catches pretty much everything thrown his way. If Duva thinks foreign judges are unkind to the money-making fighters, wait 'til he sees what the amateur judges do to fighters who work for nothing. Olympic boxing judges bring new meaning to the word hometown decision. The team's best chances for gold are at 106, 147 and 201. Kelcie Banks at 125 can't be ignored, but he has not looked his best lately. The rest are going to have to put in the performances of their careers to bring home medals.

Michael Carbajal: (106 lbs.) Under the careful coaching of his brother Danny in their backyard gym in Phoenix, Az., the 21-year-old Carbajal has become a bright spot on the team. An effective puncher with both hands, he has all the speed of Gonzales, and some things Gonzales never had — like a durable chin and the power to put people on the canvas. After seven years in the sport, he has a long and respectable resume of international experience which includes victories over the U.S.S.R's Rudik Kazanddjyan and Cuba's Juan Torres (both in '87). "I think I will be the favorite to take it all in Seoul, which means everybody will be gunning for me," Carbajal told *The Ring* in Concord. "I like that about boxing. You make things happen. Only you can win a fight, and if you lose you can't blame anybody but yourself." Watch for Carbajal's jab — it has pro written all over it. If he throws it enough, the world is in trouble.

Arthur Johnson: (112 lbs.) America's flyweight hope is a careful — maybe too careful — veteran with battle scars to show for his nine years in the ring. Johnson underwent hand surgery in '87 and '88, and although the footwork is still there from the '86 Goodwill Games, when he was selected Most Outstanding Boxer, the word is that Johnson can't throw with the power or confidence he once did. Against a determined Chris Carrillo in the box-offs, Johnson was unable to keep a swarming puncher away, despite carrying a six-inch reach advantage. A college junior at the University of Minneapolis majoring in child development, Johnson is a class act whose future depends on his asserting himself more. Keep your fingers crossed.

Kennedy McKinney: (119 lbs.) Everybody's favorite truck driver was a long shot going in, but looked like a champ going out. McKinney tasted victory and revenge in the boxing trials. His wins over Michael Collins and Jemal Hinton ended a string of four second-place finishes in tournaments. After a decade of boxing, the 23-year-old McKinney is finally coming into his own, and just in time. His razor-sharp jabs and hustle surprised many who had long dismissed him as an also-ran who lacked the desire to go all the way. "I'm done with silver medals from tournaments," McKinney said. "Gold's worth more." The former Army Champion and U.S. and World Amateur silver medalist looks ripe to surprise the world. "It will take the fight of my life, but I'm ready to fight the fight of my life," he said. Without any big international wins under his belt, the Texan will have his work cut out for him.

Kelcie Banks: (125 lbs.) Poor Kelcie. This was supposed to be his year. With a boxing resume as long as his lanky arm, Chicago's favorite has pretty much won everything amateur boxing has to offer except an Olympic

medal, and everybody was about ready to put that on his list of accomplishments before the team boarded the plane to Korea. Then the six-foot, 23-year-old man/legend ran into 5'4" Ed Hopson, a turbo-driven 17-year-old from St. Louis who made the immortal Banks look shop-worn and sluggish. After having beaten Banks in the Concord trials, Hopson lost two 3-2 decisions to him in the box-offs in Las Vegas — thereby giving Banks the ticket to Seoul. Hopson ended up getting all the attention, while Banks was accused of having gotten decisions because he has a big reputation. After 13 years in the ring, Banks has got to show some spark between the ropes or somebody is going to out-hustle him in Korea. "I worked a long time for a gold medal," Banks said. "I'll be more loose in Seoul. I think we will do great there." When he is on, Banks is an exceptionally gifted featherweight with all the tools. After the Hopson meetings, he has something to prove, too. If Banks is motivated, he could come back with that gold.

Romallis Ellis: (132 lbs.) The '88 U.S. Amateur Champion has a lot of international experience, but very few victories. A car porter in Ellenwood, Georgia when not in training, Ellis can be overly tentative and rarely makes the fight. The amateur lightweight division is pretty thin at the moment, and while Ellis is the best the U.S. has to offer, he will be sorely tested in Seoul.

Todd Foster: (139 lbs.) Meet the biggest thing ever to come out of Great Falls, Montana. Foster has media darling written all over him. A soft-spoken and polite farm boy who dates the girl next door, Foster is a Wheaties box cover boy waiting to happen. The 21-year-old has been boxing for 12 years, and has developed a rib-cracking body-punch attack which takes the wind out of most opponents. In all that time in the ring, however, Foster has learned next to nothing about avoiding punches, and a Foster fight is a bomb-throwing contest, usually conducted at mid-ring. The judges better have extra pencils, because it's hard to keep track of all that connecting leather. The 1988 U.S. Champion and runner-up in the '87 Pan-Am Games is going to soak up a lot of punishment over the course of the Olympic Tournament, but he will give back what he gets. Whether that will be enough to please those pesky judges is anybody's guess. One thing for sure, Foster will make it exciting for everybody watching, and a nightmare for the guys he faces.

Keneth Gould: (147 lbs.) Three-time U.S. Amateur champion and silver medalist in the '87 Pan Am Games, Gould is a busy man in the ring as he stalks opponents with a certain crazed persistence. At 5'6", he is a rugged customer who makes up for what he lacks in reach by banging straight ahead. Coached by his father Nathaniel, Gould is well regarded in international competition, although a certain tendency to get stopped in the final bout continues to plague him. Gould seems set to bring home a medal. If he paces himself with any sort of reason, it might be gold. If not, Gould might have to go back to Rockford, Illinois with something less valuable. "I'm ready for Seoul," he said. "Nothing's going to stop me from taking it all." The last nine minutes will tell.

Roy Jones: (156 lbs.) In 1984, Frank Tate took the gold at this weight, but things have been pretty slow for America's amateur light middles since. Jones, a 19-year-old from Pensacola, Fla. has been around this sport for a decade, but his foreign credentials consist only of a bronze medal in the '86 Goodwill Games. His claim to fame this year was another bronze, this time in the National Golden Gloves. This may be the squad's weakest link, although watching Jones go through his paces makes one think that perhaps he has something in reserve. If he is ever going to shine like a star, now is the time to come out.

Anthony Hembrick: (165 lbs.) Things remain uncertain in the middleweight class. After one fighter in the trials failed the drug test, his substitute chose not to fight, which gave Hembrick of the Army a free ride to Seoul. Blessed with some power, Hembrick impressed in the trials at Concord by taking William Guthrie and John Scully, but he has yet to be thrown in with the world's best. The two-time Army & Armed Forces and U.S. champion, Hembrick is regarded as a solid puncher with a questionable chin.

Andrew Maynard: (178 lbs.) Another Army champion with some heavy artillery is Fort Carson, Colorado's own Andrew Maynard, a useful 24-year-old given little chance prior to the box-offs in Las Vegas. Most of the coverage had focused on Razz Chapin and Bomani Parker, two North Californians with a stormy rivalry, but Maynard surprised everybody with power and speed. Coached by Jose Santiago, Maynard comes off a first-place finish in the '88 U.S. Championships as well as a decision victory over Cuba's Orland Despaigne. Not many on the American squad can claim victory over a Cuban. If Maynard has any weakness, it is a tendency to get tagged with the right hand — coach Santiago has been more than a bit angry with his man's tendency to drop his hands low. Like Foster, Maynard will make for some exciting action, win, place or show.

Ray Mercer: (201) It is a fact of life that in the Tyson Age, any new heavyweight is going to be discussed as future fodder — make that a future opponent — for Iron Mike. Mercer is a long, long way from that day, but the kid sure makes you dream. At 6'1', 201, he has the hand speed of a middleweight and fitness like you read about. Against Michael Bent in the box-offs, Mercer did everything but tap dance as he dazzled with blazing jabs and nifty footwork. The 27-year-old Army champion has only been boxing for a year, but he is a fast learner with a shark's feel for a victim. Like Iron Mike, Mercer is a finisher, and the international community better be on guard for his knockout punch. "I'm sort of the old man of the team, but that does not mean I don't have the spirit of a younger man," Mercer said. Mercer is a fitter, stronger and faster heavy than Henry Tillman, who took gold four years ago. As you might recall, Tillman got on the Olympic Squad by taking a decision in the finals from a rather awkward guy from Catskill, New York seemingly headed for the "whatever-happened-to" file. That loser's name was Mike Tyson. Ray Mercer is one to look out for.

Riddick Bowe: (201-plus) America's super heavyweight beat Army champion Robert Salters in the box-offs, and though he showed determination, Bowe turned up some real sluggish work as Salters repeatedly beat him to the punch. The 21-year-old is coming off hand surgery in late April of this year, and like Johnson, he seems to lack confidence when he throws the left. Bowe is stepping up in class big time for this shot at the gold medal, but he says he's only looking for the top. He'll need some luck.

They all will. □

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HAROLD JOHNSON	22
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CARLOS ORTIZ

by Phill Marder

IT IS ONLY FITTING THAT CARLOS Ortiz and Joe Brown should enter *The Ring*'s Hall of Fame together. Brown can now say it took a Hall of Famer to take away his lightweight championship. And Ortiz can be justifiably proud of beating a Hall of Famer for his championship.

Actually, Ortiz won the lightweight championship twice ... after he had already won and lost the world junior welterweight championship.

The history of the lightweight division is a grand tale, with a brilliant cast of characters ... Joe Gans, Battling Nelson, Benny Leonard, Tony Canzoneri, Barney Ross, Lou Ambers, Henry Armstrong, Jimmy Carter, Bud Smith and Roberto Duran ... the names and legends roll on and on. But any discussion of the 135-pound weight class usually concludes with "... and don't forget Joe Brown and Carlos Ortiz. They were both great fighters."

Ortiz was responsible for the rebirth of the junior welterweight division, which had sputtered to several demises in its brief past. Ortiz and Kenny Lane were both chasing Brown for a championship fight, Lane having already blown one chance by losing a 15-round decision to "Old Bones" in 1958. But Lane beat Ortiz on points the final day of that year, handing Carlos his second loss against 28 wins. Ortiz had reversed his other defeat, a points loss to Johnny Busso.

Madison Square Garden decided to match Ortiz with Lane for the junior welterweight championship, which had been dormant for well over a decade. Ortiz was more interested in revenge than the newly created championship, which he won when Lane was cut and unable to go on in the second round. Ortiz went on to give the division some respectability with defenses against Battling Torres (KO10) and Dulio Loi (W15). But Ortiz still coveted the far more prestigious lightweight championship.

He lost his crown to Loi on points in 1960, and the fine Italian repeated his win the following year. But the next year, Ortiz finally got his shot at Brown, who was just short of his 36th birthday. Brown had reigned nearly six years, but Ortiz won easily over 15 rounds.

Having achieved his goal and already a veteran of 41 fights at the age of 25, Ortiz took a break, notching two non-title wins in Manila and Tokyo to keep sharp. Seven months after winning his championship, he put it on the line for the first time, knocking out Teruo Kosaka in the fifth round in Japan.

Ortiz started 1963 by visiting Puerto Rico, where he defended his crown with a 13-round knockout of Doug Vaillant. Trips to Honolulu and London produced two more non-title wins, but he did not put his championship on the line again until 10 months after his win over Vaillant when he traveled to Manila to stop the great junior lightweight champion Flash Elorde in 14 rounds. Less than two months later, he decisioned Lane in San Juan, the belt again being on the line.

It was just one day short of a year when Ortiz defended again. In that period, he had fought less than one round, winning a non-title fight by KO in Boston. But taking his championship to the challenger's back yard cost Ortiz this time as he dropped a 15-round decision to Ismael Laguna in Panama City. The rematch seven months later on Ortiz' home turf in Puerto Rico saw Ortiz regain his world championship.

The Laguna loss failed to stem Ortiz' willingness to defend on foreign soil. After a non-title draw with Nicolino Locche in Buenos Aires, he stopped hometowner Johnny Bizarro in Pittsburgh. He then traveled to Mexico City to face Sugar Ramos, a Cuban fighting out of that city.

In the fifth round, *The Ring*'s Round of the Year, referee Billy Conn stopped the fight when Ramos was cut on the left eyelid. A riot followed and Ortiz was ordered by the WBC to return to the ring to continue the fight. He refused, and Ramos was declared the winner and new champion. Later, the title was declared vacant and a rematch was ordered.

Meanwhile, Ortiz went about his business, stopping Elorde again in 14 rounds, this time in New York, to retain his world championship in the eyes of everyone but the WBC. On July 1, 1967, he met Ramos again, this time in San Juan, stopped him easily and regained the championship he had never lost. After beating Laguna again later that year, he took 10 months off, then lost his championship by points to Carlos Teo Cruz in Santo Domingo.

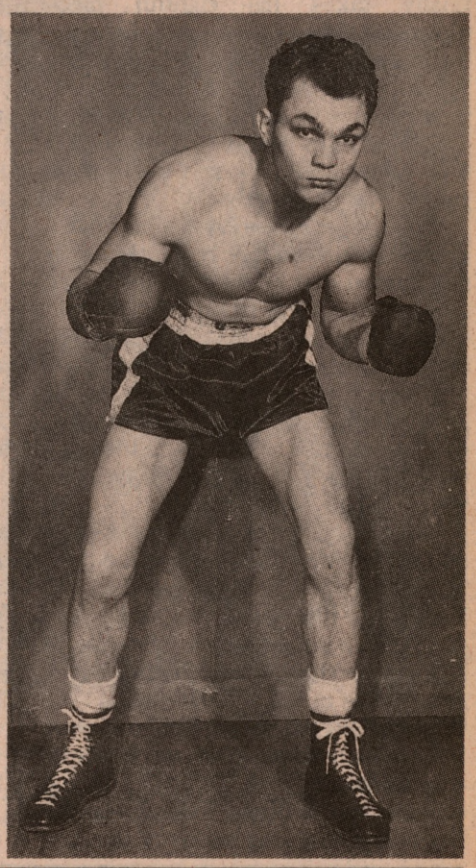
Nearing 32, Ortiz quit the ring for almost a year and a half. He returned in 1970, won a 10-round decision, but retired again, this time for over two years. At the age of 35, he tried again, winning nine straight fights, eight by KO. But a 36-year-old Ortiz was stopped for the only time in his career by Ken Buchanan and never fought again.

Carlos Ortiz was not a great knockout puncher, but he stopped 30 opponents in finishing his career 61-7-1 with one no contest. He was not a great boxer, but he was capable of outboxing the finest foe. In summary, Ortiz was a perfect model for a fighter. He was quick, smart, compact, tough and talented.

Carlos Ortiz was a true champion. □

Ortiz holds an impromptu press conference in his dressing room after he retained his world lightweight title with a 15-round decision over Ismael Laguna at Shea Stadium, August 17, 1967.

Ortiz delivers a right to the head of Filipino great Flash Elorde during their 1966 bout at Madison Square Garden. Ortiz retained the lightweight title with a 14th-round knockout.



Carlos Ortiz as he looked in his fighting prime.

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JOE BROWN

by Nigel Collins

DESPITE THE OBVIOUS DIFFERENCE IN weight, Joe Brown always reminded me of Archie Moore. When you think about it, "Ancient Archie" and "Old Bones" had quite a lot in common: Both fought in the same era. Both were relatively old dudes by the time they finally got a chance to fight for a world title. Both kept fighting well past their prime. And both were masters of their craft.

Moore has been in *The Ring*'s Hall of Fame since 1966; this year, Brown finally takes his rightful place alongside him.

Brown, born May 18, 1926 in Baton Rouge, La., was the only son of a carpenter. He went as far as 11th grade in McKinley High School, where, despite his slender build, Joe was the football team's star running back.

While some historians claim Brown had a lone pro bout in 1943, it is generally agreed that he didn't start boxing seriously until discharged from the U.S. Navy in 1946 following a 21-month tour of duty. During his time at sea, Brown took part in no less than seven Pacific invasions, but still managed to squeeze in 16 amateur bouts. He won them all, including the title of all-service lightweight champion.

"I came out of the service needing money," Brown told Murray Goodman in an article which appeared in the November 1956 issue of *The Ring*. "I felt I was a good enough fighter to be a pro. Everybody was telling me how good I was in the service."

Maybe Brown was a little too good for his own good. After six starts he was thrown in over his head and lost a 10-rounder to Buster Tyler. It was the beginning of a long series of ups and downs. For the next 10 years he fought all the top names, including Sandy Saddler, Johnny Bratton, Virgil Akins, Isaac Logart, Arthur Persley, Federico Plummer and Bobby McQuillar. And while Brown won the vast majority of his bouts, he was considered an unknown when he won a non-title 10-round decision over lightweight champion Wallace "Bud" Smith in May of 1956.

Smith gave Brown a rematch with the title on the line three months later in New Orleans and Joe won the championship with a split decision. The bout, fought before a live crowd of over 7,000 and a national TV audience of millions, was not without controversy.

Brown broke his right hand in the second round and was forced to fight a defensive battle, using his left almost exclusively.

"In all my years following boxing, I had never seen a case similar to that of Brown," wrote *The Ring*'s editor, Nat Fleischer. "I have witnessed boxers on the verge of a knockout make a comeback and win a championship, but never a challenger fighting his way to the crown for 13 rounds with only one hand!"

But despite the fact Fleischer was impressed and that Brown scored two knockdowns in the 14th, there were some, including one of the official judges and many of the television viewers, who favored Smith and his aggressive style. However, a rematch, held in Miami Beach the following February, settled the dispute beyond a doubt when Brown stopped a badly battered Smith in the 11th round.

Brown was hardly the most popular lightweight champion of all time when he won the belt, but as the years went by he won admiration and respect. Fans started to appreciate the way he outfoxed and outpunched younger contenders. Also, like Moore, "Old Bones" gave the middle-aged crowd someone to identify with.

Brown made a total of 11 successful defenses (a division record at the time), turning back the challenges of Smith (TKO11), Orlando Zulueta (TKO15), Joey Lopes (TKO11), Ralph Dupas (TKO8), Kenny Lane (W15), Johnny Busso (W15), Paolo Rosi (TKO8), Dave Charnley (TKO5, W15), Cisco Andrade (W15) and Bert Somodio (W15).

In 1961, his last year as champion, Brown was selected as *The Ring*'s Fighter of the Year. His decision over Charnley in London that year was also voted the magazine's Fight of the Year.

On April 21, 1962 Brown lost the title to none other than Carlos Ortiz via a unanimous decision in Las Vegas. Brown was almost 36 at the time and simply couldn't keep pace with his speedy young rival.

Though he never got a rematch, Brown fought on until 1970 when he outpointed Ramon Flores in Tucson in his final fight. His overall pro record was 104-42-13 with 47 KOs. He also fought two "no contests" for a total of 161 bouts. Twenty-three of Joe's losses came after his championship days.

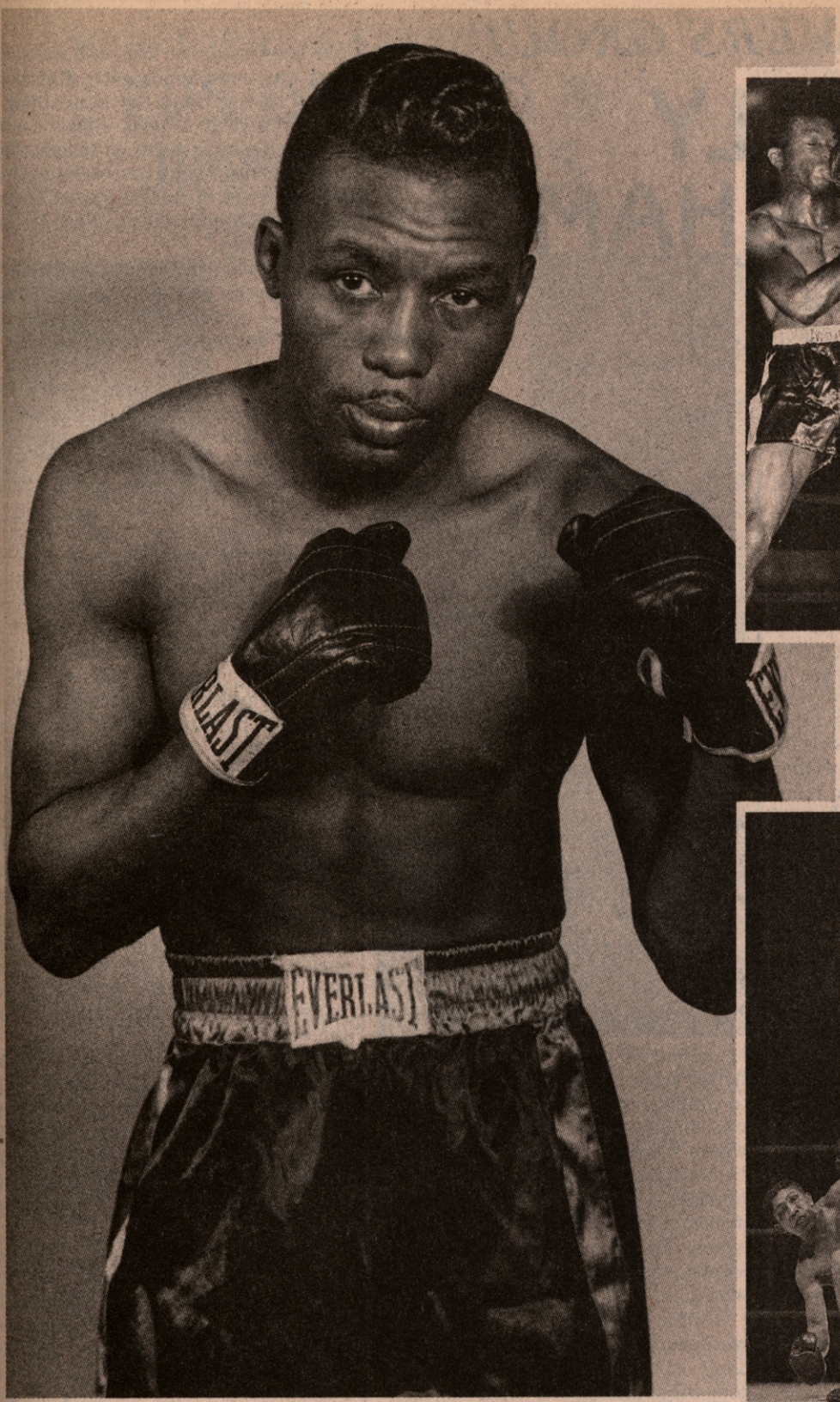
Brown's 25-year career took him around the world — several times. Beside the U.S. and Canada, he boxed in Australia, Panama, Cuba, Italy, England, the Philippines, Mexico, Argentina, Venezuela, Brazil, Jamaica, South Africa, Colombia and Finland.

One trip proved especially exciting. When Brown traveled to Cuba in 1958, he was kidnaped by Castro's rebel forces. Released unharmed, he proceeded to starch local Orlando Echevarria in one round. Maybe Fidel was a big Echevarria fan?

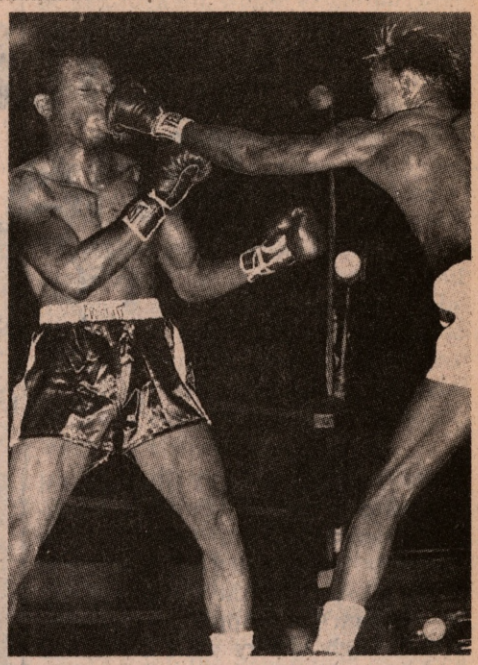
As Goodman had covered much of Brown's career, we recently asked the venerable press agent his opinion of the former champ.

"Though he was sometimes overlooked because there were so many good fighters around at the time, Brown was a great fighter," enthused Goodman. "He could do it all."

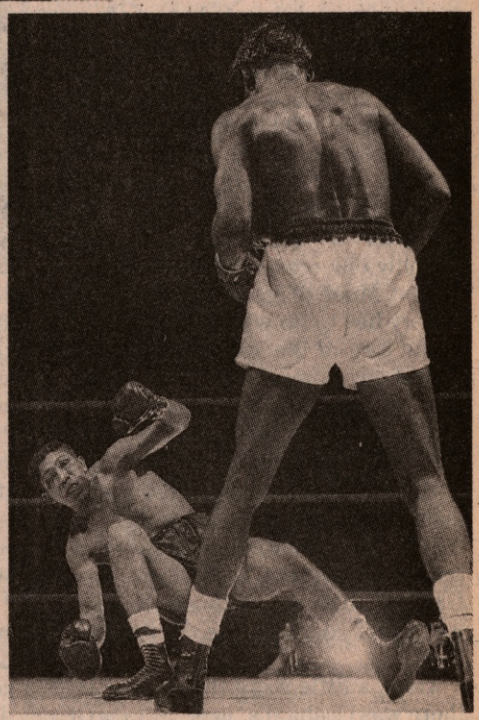
What more can be said? Except, welcome to the Hall of Fame, Joe Brown. □



Lightweight champion Joe Brown, known to his fans as "Old Bones."



Brown (right) finds the face of former champ Wallace "Bud" Smith en route to TKO victory in the 11th round of their second title fight.



Brown stands over Joey Lopes in the 11th and final round of their lightweight title bout at Chicago Stadium, December 4, 1957.

OLD-TIMERS GROUP

BILLY GRAHAM

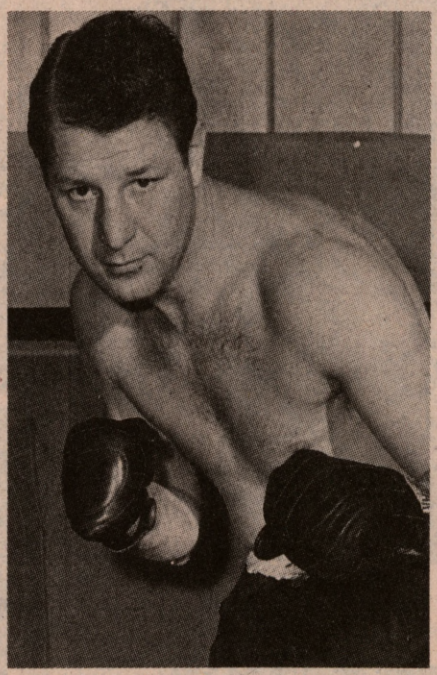
By Joseph D'O'Brian

WHEN I THINK OF BILLY GRAHAM, I'M reminded of the old joke about Benjamin Franklin, that he was "the only President of the United States who was never President of the United States." It's Graham's fate, apparently, to wander through history with the words "woulda, coulda, shoulda" dogging his footsteps. And who knows, perhaps he doesn't mind. After all, as I mentioned in one of my past articles, the fact that Graham was twisted out of a decision that would have given him the welterweight title probably made him more of an immortal than he'd have been if he'd been awarded that decision.

In the words of Joe Liebling, Graham was "as good as a fighter can be without being a helluva fighter." He's certainly good enough to get into the Hall of Fame — if he's not the best fighter ever to be inducted, he's certainly not the worst — but his boxing abilities are only one reason why he's being inducted. Much of his high rank in boxing history has to do with his contribution to the lore of the sport.

Graham's "loss" to Kid Gavilan in 1951 was his main contribution. Centuries from now, no doubt, boxing fans will be having spirited debates on the proposition, "Resolved: That the officials at the Gavilan-Graham fight were bought off/drunk/blind/idiots/the only correct observers in Madison Square Garden." It's one of those things that just won't go away, like the Rosenberg case.

Then, a little more than a year later, there was Graham's "loss" to Joey Giardello. This incident was much the same as the Gavilan fight, save that there was no title on the line, and that the New York State Athletic Commission



actually tried to rewrite one of the officials' scorecards so as to give the fight to Graham after the fact. The question was finally thrown into the courts, where it was decided that no athletic commission has the right to alter an official's scorecard, that the original decision, no matter how absurd, has to stand. (For once, an American court showed more good sense than anyone would expect.)

In other words, if the Gavilan fight were aesthetically similar to the Rosenberg case, the Giardello fight was something like *Roe v. Wade:* an incident that would leave a lasting impression in the form of a legal precedent.

Then, a couple of years after the Giardello fight, came Graham's loss to Chico Vejar, his last fight. This was not his finest hour; he was old and slow, and was outpointed pretty decisively, Vejar having done the same thing a month earlier. It was Billy's fourth straight loss, his eighth in 15 fights. But that fight did inspire one of the greatest short pieces in the corpus of boxing literature, Joe Liebling's "Next-To-Last Stand, Maybe."

So I guess Graham was unique in that even his losses — especially his losses — produced a lasting impression of some kind on the game as a whole.

That's not to say that his losses were the only worthwhile thing about Billy Graham. After all, he had only 15 of them in his career, against 102 wins and nine draws. Among his victims were such heroes as Tippy Larkin, Terry Young, Carmen Basilio, Gavilan in a non-title bout, Giardello in a rematch, and Art Aragon. But in victory, Graham was a rather antiseptic performer: highly skilled, impossible to knock down (he never was down in 126 fights), but light-hitting, with a cagey style that wouldn't have held up long in a barroom brawl. He had his fans and there was nobody in the audience who didn't respect him. But he never inspired the kind of devotion that the fans will often bestow on a guy with a bigger punch or a bigger mouth. It was, finally, sympathy more than anything else that made him a household word, the inescapable conclusion, whether you were a fan of his or not, that he'd been given the royal shaft and that he did, indeed, deserve to be known as welterweight champion of the world.

Not only that, but he was one of the major players at a time when the welterweight and middleweight divisions were suffering from a massive glut of talent. Had he been around at just about any other time, there's no telling how long he would have reigned as champ.

Like I said: woulda, coulda, shoulda. Some people might wonder whether Billy Graham, who never won an official title, and whose defeats always brought him more publicity than his victories, really belongs in the Hall of Fame. And it's a fair question. My answer, though, is that while woulda and coulda don't count for a hill of beans, shoulda counts for a lot. Graham shoulda, and that's why he's in the Hall today. □

MERITORIOUS SERVICE GROUP

CUS D'AMATO & JIMMY JACOBS

By Joseph D'O'Brian

Cus D'Amato

Jim Jacobs

WHEN YOU STOP TO THINK ABOUT IT, you realize that three men are being inducted into *The Ring's* Hall of Fame this year largely as a result of the fact that they never quite succeeded. Billy Graham, of course, gained a secure spot in history (and now in the Hall) for being possibly the best welterweight never to win the title. Cus D'Amato and Jimmy Jacobs got the nod for many and various services to boxing, but above all, they're in the Hall for their constant efforts to keep the game honest — efforts which proved singularly ineffective.

For many years, it was accepted as a given that Cus D'Amato was one of the two or three honest men in boxing. There were many who disliked him, many who disagreed with his methods, and some who felt that he ended up actually hurting the game due to errors in judgment, but you had to search pretty hard to find anyone who thought he was a crook.

He was a complex fellow, to say the least. He was a purist about the game, but he understood the importance of showmanship, always marketing his fighters as assiduously as he trained them. He gave the impression of being a nasty old curmudgeon who had very little use for his fellow man (and none at all for women), but in private he was considerate and generous to a fault. He fought hard for many years to wrest control of boxing away from the Mob, but in the process proved himself to be almost as autocratic and unfair as Carbo, Palermo, et al.

D'Amato was a creator of fighters. For many years, Floyd Patterson was considered his greatest effort; now, it seems that Mike Tyson will go down as Cus' equivalent of Mozart's *Requiem* — a masterpiece interrupted by death and finished by his students. Two heavyweight champs is not a bad score.

D'Amato was the ultimate "inside" man; he knew the game like nobody else did — and he was very much his own man. Once he'd broken with Patterson, he continued his search for the perfect piece of fighting material, but after a few minor successes and several failures, he seemed to decide that he'd had enough. He semi-retired to his place in the Catskills, keeping a gym open for any kid who might have possibilities — and if it hadn't been for Tyson, he might have died in relative obscurity.

If D'Amato was an inside man who seemed finally to get fed up with the whole deal, Jacobs was the opposite: an outsider who never could seem to get enough. Jacobs had many roles in boxing over the years: manager, historian, commentator. But mainly, he was just a fan. Probably the biggest fan in the history of the sport. Until he became connected with Tyson, he was best known for his unparallelled collection of fight films, and his inexhaustible knowledge of boxing lore and history.

Like D'Amato, Jacobs kept his distance from most of the boxing world. He was always there, always in on things, but he generally kept the rest of us at arm's length with his almost-too-polished demeanor. That Jacobs had great personal warmth is beyond doubt, but he wasn't a fellow like Lou Duva or Jimmy Montoya or Don King or Tex Rickard, whose exuberant personalities have (or had) a lot to do with their mystique. People came to like and respect Jacobs simply because of his absolute integrity. Whenever Jacobs said something, you knew it was pretty much the truth; if it were a truth that hurt him, Jacobs would just let it hurt.

There will be a few cynics who will suggest that Jacobs would never have made it into the Hall of Fame without Tyson, that his own contribution to the game was not really so significant. Well, it is true that he never had a professional fight, never refereed, judged or promoted any significant fights. So what the Hell did he do?

Well, he was boxing's unofficial curator for many years. Aside from his film library, the man himself was a walking card catalog. It was a job Jacobs took on himself, and it'll be tough to find anyone else to do it.

Also, he was a goodwill ambassador. That's a job the importance of which is vastly underrated by many boxing people, who don't realize that boxing's survival depends to a great extent on how it's tolerated by people who know nothing about it. Jacobs, by his honesty, obvious intelligence and perfect manners, caused a lot of people to think that maybe boxing, and the people connected with it, weren't so terrible after all.

It's true that D'Amato's and Jacobs' places in history will have a great deal to do with the fact that they brought Tyson along. And why not? Joe Louis made Jack Blackburn famous; Jack Dempsey did the job for Doc Kearns, and so on. But then, that's the point: The fighters were those men's contributions to the game, so to speak.

How that final contribution of Jacobs and D'Amato will finally affect the game remains to be seen, of course, and how differently things would have turned out for Tyson's career if D'Amato and Jacobs had lived for several more years will always be a subject for speculation.

Nobody's perfect; nobody's indispensible. Jacobs and D'Amato were neither. But I submit that whenever there's a major development in the boxing world, and you're not sure whether you like it or not, you might want to ask yourself what Cus or Jimmy would have thought: That'll usually be a good gauge. And maybe that's why they're in the Hall. □

RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

Michael Nunn is presented with the IBF belt following his victory over Frank Tate. The impressive outing also earned Nunn THE RING's Fighter of the Month award.

Michael Nunn wins top honors in a month overflowing with excellent performances. Nunn looked great winning the IBF middleweight title with a ninth-round TKO over previously unbeaten Frank Tate in Las Vegas.

This month's runner-up is **Tony Lopez**, who probably would have garnered top spot in most months. Lopez, a relatively unknown battler from Sacramento, came off the deck to win the IBF junior lightweight crown from veteran Rocky Lockridge via a unanimous 12-round decision in a rip-roaring war.

First honorable mention goes to Argentina's **Pedro Decima**, who TKO'd highly rated Jesse Benavides in three rounds. Also worthy of special consideration are winner **Orlando Canizales** and loser **Kelvin Seabrooks**, both of whom put on a tremendous display of courage and sportsmanship in their struggle for the IBF bantamweight title. □

MOLINARES - STARLING
WBA Welterweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY — AND YOU thought boxing was a setup! So, no doubt, did many who avoided what smacked of a blatant buildup to a Starling-Honeyghan blockbuster down the line. So much so that they had to "paper" the house in one of Convention Hall's side rooms to create for TV viewers the impression of interest in the unimposing challengers. But after Honeyghan accomplished the expected via the unexpected, promoter Dan Duva could have hawked tickets on the Boardwalk like a girlie-show barker: "You ain't seen nothin' yet!"

Honeyghan's WBA counterpart, Marlon Starling, may be one of the most talented fighters of the day, a repository of skills that many current "champions" will never know. Yet he seems to lack the intensity to devote himself wholly to the issue and can find ways to fritter away a contest that equal his skills at winning. This could have been his grandest performance!

Dan Duva's oddly self-defeating prediction that only one "champion" would come away with his crown had elicited "yeah . . . right" smirks. But the manner of Starling's demise was enough to bring Rod Serling back from the dead to pen "Requiem For A Welterweight."

Ironically, the titleholder, 147, Hartford, seemed well on his way to one of his more critic-proof performances. Marlon found upstart Colombian challenger Tomas Molinares, 146¾, Barranquilla, a bit difficult at the start. A fundamental jab and one-two boxer, the standup Molinares enjoyed an edge in height and reach that earned him the first two rounds. A deliberate late hit after the second provoked a willing rejoiner from the champion. Yet, although much was made of this later, it was the only round, prior to the fateful one, that featured such activity.

Moochie, as Starling is known, launched his drive with a deft display of ringmanship in the third. He went into his notorious showboating, dropping his hands and performing a variation of the infamous "Starling Stomp" that had detractors wondering if he wasn't becoming desperate in frustration. But there was

method to the madcap this time. The tactic drew out the challenger, negating his reach advantage as he became more aggressive. With action mounting, the champion put on a gilt-edged display of block-and-counter that had both the Colombian's eyes puffy and Moochie in command by the fifth. Starling led in the scheduled 12 by 48-47 on the cards of Miami's Bernie Soto and Denmark's Ove Ovesen, and was even at 48 on that of Canada's Guy Jutras.

Not to be checkmated so easily, Molinares made a counter move late in the sixth. A swarming attack had Starling too busy blocking to do enough countering and forced him into the prolonged exchanging that set the stage for one of the most dramatic endings since Jesse James turned his back. Molinares missed a sweeping left, Starling set to fire a counter (some say he relaxed it), and Tomas came back with a whistling right (some say he cocked it first, others assert it was all part of one motion) that deadbolted Marlon with a twisting crash onto his face. What separated this from just another Mike Weaver-John Tate was a third presence in the ring, that of the bell, which sounded just before Molinares threw the fight-ending punch. Ref Joe Cortez, applying basketball logic, ruled the punch was on its way before the bell and counted Marlon out.

The ensuing mayhem, while hardly severe by boxing standards, was unusual in nearly constituting a press riot. While fans tried to cool the ecstatic Molinares, 23-0, with a pelting of ice, inflamed reporters went after the commission with the mood of a lynch mob. HBO's Larry Merchant was left to carry on an embarrassing interview with the dazed ex-titleholder, now 42-5-1, his twisted ankle bound in a makeshift cast.

Head swinging exaggeratedly between the tormenting interviewer and supportive manager Mort Sharnik, Marlon left little doubt he was in no condition to continue, ankle or no. He seemed to think he'd merely fallen on the injured joint, with the punch of no consequence.

"Do I look knocked out? Do I look wobbled?" he implored, to which Merchant sagely explained, "You only have to be knocked out for 10 seconds." When Starling asserted, "I didn't talk to the doctor. I can go another round," (leaving the question of what he intended for rounds eight and beyond), Merchant gave up. After a deafening silence, he concluded, "Thank you, Marlon."

Meanwhile, Cortez and Commissioner Larry Hazzard were getting an Inquisition from the hostile press, which demanded some sort of redress. "I would say it's very, very difficult to stop a punch in mid-air," Hazzard explained.

But many asserted the blow hadn't even been a thought until after the bell. Infinite replays only fueled the arguments. Even the conspiracy school held out, claiming that "they" wanted to "get rid of" Starling, while ignoring the fact that he could have been "gotten rid of" to the tune of a lot more money against Honeyghan. When Sharnik raised the charge, Cortez bristled, "I think you're out of order by saying that!" Some measure of calm was restored by, of all people, Molinares and his handlers. Exhibiting grace under pressure, they even managed a fair sampling of applause.

All the furor over a split second overlooks the likelihood that if boxers thought out every move, the bouts would be about as exciting as chess, which doesn't produce too many million-dollar gates. Such parliamentary demands seem incongruous in a sport that doesn't even honor its most important traditions. (Who could imagine the Super Bowls cut to 37 minutes?) It's Marlon who's guilty of violating the most important rule of the ring: "Protect yourself at all times."

(7-29-88)

J.R. JOWETT

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Tomas Molinares (left) and Marlon Starling go head-to-head during their bout for Starling's WBA welterweight title in Atlantic City. Colombian Molinares won the belt when he cold cocked Starling after the bell ending the sixth round.

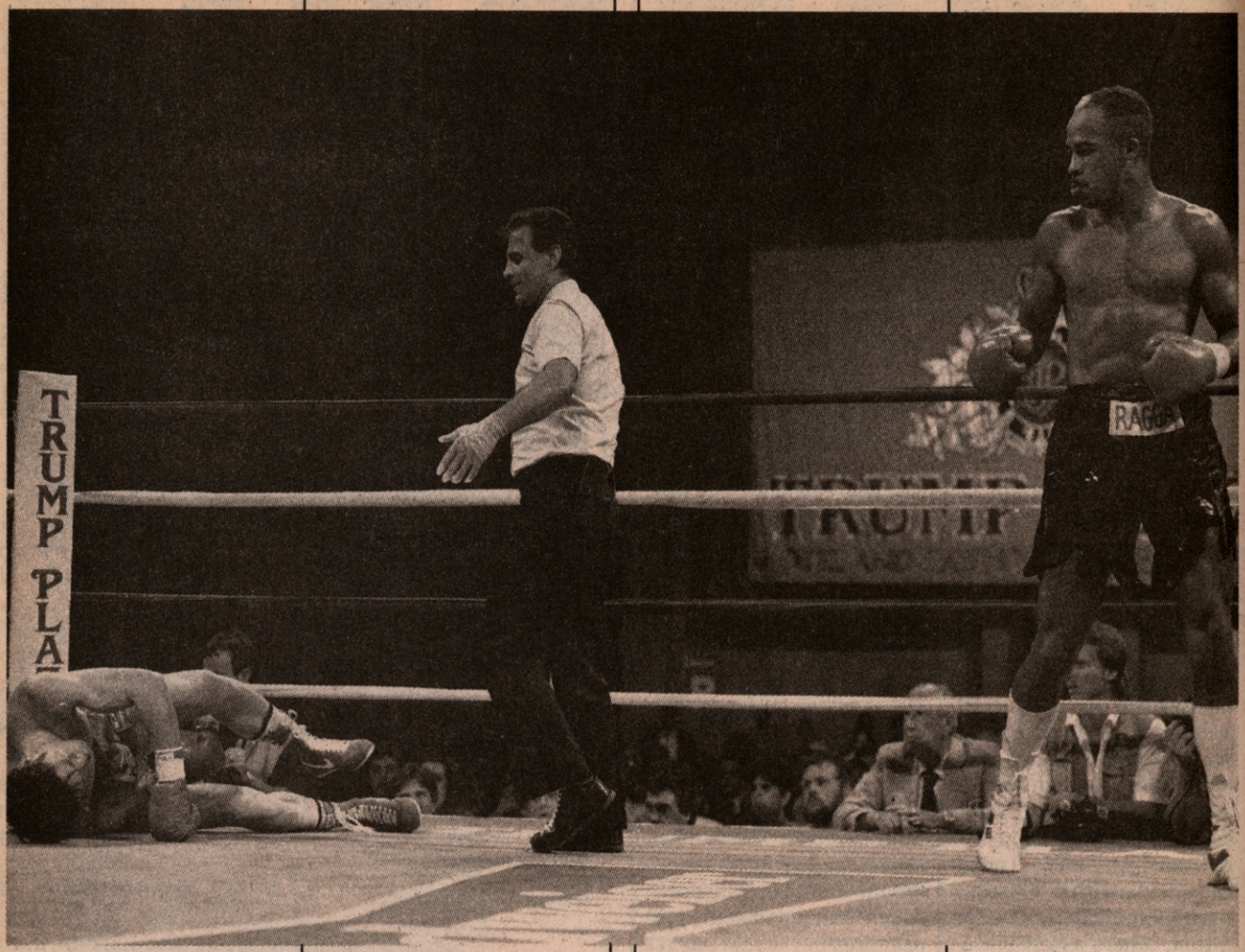
HONEYGHAN – CHUNG
World Welterweight Championship

ATLANTIC CITY — CONTROversy comes easily to 28-year-old world welterweight champion Lloyd Honeyghan. Five children by three women, none of which is his wife, gives British tabloids oodles of splashy gossip. Boxing writers can also look forward to good copy what with quick or odd endings littering his recent outings.

Add another chapter as the 147-lb. Jamaican native made the first defense of his recently regained title when he won the scheduled 12 by TKO at 0:42 of the fifth over South Korean Yung-Kil Chung, 146¾, in Convention Hall.

Chung, 24, surrendered as he lay withering on the canvas, unable to get up, let alone fight on, due to a low blow inflicted by a Honeyghan left uppercut.

The WBC's No. 1-rated challenger had won 18 in a row but was really no match for the volatile champion. The bout started quickly enough with both the 5'11" Chung and the 5'9" Honeyghan teeing off. It was apparent just as early that



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Defending world champion Lloyd Honeyghan looks on as Korean challenger Yung-Kil Chung rolls around on the canvas following a low blow in the fifth round. Chung was counted out when he refused to continue after a five-minute rest, allowing Honeyghan to retain the title.

while the Korean was willing, it was Lloyd who carried the faster and stronger fists.

What was keeping Chung competitive — if not ahead — besides his yet to be diminished fervor, were momentary lapses in concentration by the titleholder. Lloyd often laid aside his stinging and accurate jab and put himself back to the ropes and let things turn into an unpleasing brawl or wrestling match.

Through the first three rounds, it looked as if both would throw punches just for the sake of it, as if with eyes closed. Numerous punches were missed, not so much by cunning defense, mind you, but rather by over-anxiousness. Lloyd's body attack was vicious at times, while Yung-Kil never found the proper stance to enhance his own shots.

With Round Four, the champion switched to southpaw and any semblance of a close fight went completely out the window. Lloyd popped the jab and came across with blazing straight lefts, constantly sliding to his left. A thoroughly befuddled Chung could only overextend his already reaching punches, thereby leaving himself open time and again for accurate salvos by the champion.

Things were unfolding in similar fashion during the fifth when the low blow occurred. Chung helped bring it on himself as he pushed Honeyghan down on the neck, thus lowering the sites of the left uppercut; it hit all trunk instead of all chin.

The Korean backed away, momentarily pulling Lloyd along with him, and as referee Tony Orlando pulled them apart, a grimacing Chung doubled up in pain on the ropes, then tumbled forward, rolling back and forth on the canvas.

Under New Jersey rules, a boxer cannot win a bout if after a five-minute rest period he is still unable to continue due to an unintentional low blow. The Chung corner didn't take the full time anyway, and though Lloyd did have a point deducted, he was still ahead (he led 40-36 after four on the cards of Tom Kaczmarek of New Jersey and Antonio Marino of Venezuela, while Carlos Colon of Puerto Rico saw fit to award Chung Round Three in a 39-37 tally) at that point.

As officials crowded around and Chung's seconds tended to their man, Honeyghan stood calmly and unattended in a neutral corner. Chung never did make it up until the bout was declared over.

WBC presiding official Steve Crossan said shortly after the stoppage, "Given the protective gear boxers

wear today, a fighter can't be awarded the victory after receiving an unintentional low blow."

The Chung camp, of course, said it would protest the rulings and felt its man was holding his own and the plan was to attack more in the middle rounds.

As for the still world champion, he said, "No, I am not really happy the way it ended. I was leading, I was scoping the guy. These things happen. He hit me low, too. I am stronger than him. I think he over-reacted a bit. He could've got up. Rules are rules. I don't make the rules."

Lloyd is 33-1, 22 KOs, overall, and 6-1 in title bouts. Chung falls to 25-4-2, 17 KOs.

Even though Rafael Pineda, 137, Barranquilla, Colombia, didn't lose a round, he wasn't that good. The ultra cool and calm youngster slowly picked apart Juan Manija, 142, Miami, and won the scheduled 10 by knockout at 2:57 of Round Five. Manija was wobbled in the fourth by a right uppercut, then dropped for the first and only time with a pretty flurry capped by the uppercut. Pineda raised his record to 18-0, 17 KOs. Referee was Frank Cappuccino.

Willie "Little Worm" Monroe, 162, NY, went to 9-1 when he registered a TKO win at 1:02 of Round Two over Rich Holloway, 157, Troy, NY. Willie was clearly the superior ringman and left Holloway for dead (out on his feet) on the ropes. When Rich wouldn't fall, referee Joe O'Neil rescued him and the scheduled six was over.

Rod Douglas, 163, London, took every round and then some as he took an eight-round, unanimous decision by identical scores of 80-71 from judges John Riley, John Stewart and Joe Pasquale. The loser was Lester Yarborough, 160½, Jackson, TN, who, after a rocky first round, turned into a rubber band survivor, and the strictly head-hunting Douglas couldn't quite finish him off. Ref, O'Neil.

Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert.

Promoters: Trump/Main Events/Cedric Kushner/Jaras Productions.

Matchmaker (undercard): Johnny Bos.

Television: HBO.

(7-29-88)

JACK OBERMAYER

LOPEZ – LOCKRIDGE
IBF Jr. Lightweight Title

SACRAMENTO — TONY "THE Tiger" Lopez remembers lying flat on his back in Round Eight, the spectacle of 7,590 anxious, hometown fans.

"I remember saying 'I'm not staying down, not today.'"

Lopez got up, survived the round and finished one of the year's most exciting fights by turning Rocky Lockridge's face into a swollen, bloody mess to win the International Boxing Federation junior lightweight title in a grueling match at Arco Arena.

"Tony was a motivated young man," said his cutman Norm Lockwood. "Motivation and conditioning won him the fight."

Lopez, 129¾, is the first Sacramento-born fighter to have won a world title, and the crowd, chanting "Tony, Tony, Tony" throughout, responded by nearly turning the place upside down as the unanimous decision was announced.

Judges Barry Yeates of Houston and Mike Glienna of Chicago both scored it 115-112. Frank Rustich had it 116-112.

The fight was close, with both participants giving and taking, but few disputed the decision.

"It was a good decision, Tony won the fight," said Lou Duva, Lockridge's manager. "We knew he was going to be a tough, strong kid with a lot of heart and he was."

Lockridge, 128, Mt. Laurel, N.J., was taken immediately to a hospital where he received 42 stitches to close a nasty wound on his right eyelid and two more cuts near his left eye. He also bled from the mouth and from a small cut on his forehead.

Even after returning from the hospital, Lockridge had no comment for reporters. "He's too tired and beat up to talk," said Duva.

"This is the worst I've ever seen Rocky after a fight," said cutman Ace Marotta. "We held him together to finish but ..."

The 25-year-old Lopez, 30-1, 22 KOs, sported a deep bruise under his left eye and was swollen above his right eye as well, evidence of the non-stop fury that had taken place.

Lopez, an 11-5 underdog, did his best on the outside with a stinging jab and crisp right hands. Even on the inside though, Lopez held his own against the top-heavy Lockridge, who scored well to the body.

"All those weeks of running in the hills helped me get ready, helped me take all those body punches he threw," Lopez said. "He was everything they said he'd be."

Lopez seemed in charge by the sixth round, keeping Lockridge at a distance with jabs and straight right hands and, more importantly, bending under the former champion's patented overhand right.

Then it happened.

Rocky, now bleeding badly from the cut right eyelid, whistled a lead right that caught Lopez above the left ear, bouncing the challenger off the canvas.

"I thought he was going to stay down," Duva said. "He showed a lot of courage getting up."

Lopez got up on unsteady legs and Lockridge was anxious to finish him ... too anxious. The 29-year-old veteran with a record of 43-6 with 35 KOs, came back to the center of the ring too soon and referee Robert Byrd of Los Angeles stopped the count.

"Those four or five seconds when the referee stopped the count meant a lot," Duva said. "Rocky should have known that. He was anxious."

Lopez bobbed and weaved off the ropes and held on for the last minute of Round Eight. Jimmy Montoya, brought in from Los Angeles to work Lopez' corner, prepared the challenger for just such an instance.

"I told Tony before the fight that if Lockridge knocked him down to forget that macho stuff and try to clinch him right away," Montoya said.

Lopez was still wobbly in the ninth, but held his own against the now weary, half-blinded Lockridge. The challenger was fully recovered by Round 10 and took the last three rounds on two of the judges' cards and two of three on the other card, staggering Lockridge with right hands in the 11th and 12th rounds.

Lopez also buckled Lockridge in the second and sixth rounds, but could never topple the former champion.

Sacramento's Loreto Garza, 140¼, had a bit more difficult time with Stewart Baynes, 141½, Riverside, than anyone thought he would. Garza, 21-1-1, 18 KOs, finally stopped Baynes at 2:11 of the ninth in a scheduled 10-rounder. Baynes was cut and taking punishment on the ropes when referee Hank Elespuru stepped in.

Angelo Nunez, 141, Sacramento, won a unanimous decision over Carlos Montes, 144, Bakersfield, in a six-rounder. Nunez improved to 7-1-1. Montes slipped to 6-2-1. There were no knockdowns.

Willie "Mr. Will" Hernandez, 144, Sacramento, unanimously outpointed Bennie Garcia, 144, Sacramento, through four rounds. Hernandez, 3-0, floored Garcia, 3-3, in the second and had him in trouble in the third.

Gil Martinez, 159½, Sacramento, earned a unanimous decision over Charles Wilson, 160, Los Angeles, in another four-rounder. Martinez improved to 7-2 and Wilson fell to 1-2. There were no knockdowns.

Promoters: Don Chargin Promotions & Main Events.

Referees: Robert Byrd, Hank Elespuru, Terry Smith & Pros Montano.

TV: CBS.

(7-23-88)

JIM McCAY

NUNN – TATE
IBF Middleweight Title

LAS VEGAS — MICHAEL Nunn, chastised early in his career as a no-hit, big-run defensive specialist,

stopped running long enough for some serious body punching and wound up the new IBF middleweight titleholder.

Only 40 seconds were needed in the ninth round before Nunn's unanswered bombardment gave him the crown in this duel of undefeateds scheduled for 15 rounds at Caesars Palace.

What a crowd of 3,540, including WBC middleweight ruler Iran Barkley, witnessed was the 25-year-old Nunn of North Hollywood, California, taking charge almost from the moment referee Mills Lane of Reno issued his final instructions.

Though shockingly shorn of his title, Tate, 160, Houston, collected $400,000 to Nunn's $100,000. But Top Rank promoter Bob Arum was projecting a seven-figure payday for Nunn and the winner of a Barkley-Thomas Hearns rematch, tentatively scheduled for December.

"You not only saw a young man win a title, you saw a new star who is settling down with his style," said Arum. "Michael Nunn is the next real superstar, and he lives in Los Angeles. That doesn't hurt with all the Hollywood fanfare."

Tate never got untracked, being flat from the opening bell. Nunn, also 160, frustrated his adversary with his right-handed jab in raising his credentials to 31-0 with 21 KOs, while Tate lost for the first time after 23 straight victories, 13 inside the distance. At the close, judges Ed Levene of Chicago and Glen Hamada of Hawaii each had it 77-73 as did *The Ring*, while Jerry Roth of Las Vegas saw it 78-73, all for Nunn.

Nunn started early with his head and shoulder feints plus that old Muhammad Ali ploy of leaning back along the ropes to let the enemy's missiles veer harmlessly into space. Tate, Olympic gold medalist at 156 in 1984, rarely landed more than one punch at a time, but did win the second round in one of the rare instances he was able to trade with Nunn.

As early as the fourth round there was desperation in the voice of Tate's trainer Jesse Reid as he implored Tate to "cut him off in the corners." But there were times when Tate missed combinations and uppercuts by daylight margins as the agile Nunn riled him with, "You're the champion, show me something."

Tate managed to win the seventh round as Nunn was penalized a point for holding Tate by the neck, but one of Nunn's best combinations came after the bell when he had Tate pinned in his own corner and rocked him with two rights and a left.

There was a look of weariness on Tate's face as he came out for the eighth round. The rivals mixed in one of the few furious exchanges inside and Tate gave as much as he received. Nunn again became a traveling man, but not before Tate scored with a long right. Suddenly, at center ring, Nunn fired a left uppercut, catching Tate under the ribs. Tate sagged to the canvas, his head covered by his gloves, his rear skyward.

The round was nearly over as Lane tolled the count. Using all his natural instinct, courage and ebbing strength, a limp Tate seemingly began to rise in sections, beating the count.

The bell for Round Nine was a formality. Nunn rushed out, firing all cannons. Pinning Tate in a neutral corner, Nunn missed some shots, but straightened Tate with a right, then drove home a left to finish a seven-punch salvo, and Lane pulled the new titleholder away.

"I knew I'd catch him sooner or later, and I did with that uppercut," said Nunn. "I wasn't really looking for a one-shot finish, but that's what Frank had in mind."

Tate, gracious in defeat, said, "I'll be moving up to the 168-pound class, so Mike can now take over the middleweights. I went through a hard time trying to come down to 160."

Tate had beaten Nunn two of three times in the amateurs, both by 3-2 scores. Nunn's was a 5-0 win.

On the undercard, Chicago's 27-year-old **Tony Willis**, 174, retained his NABF light heavyweight title with a TKO of Frank Minton, 174, Indianapolis, at 1:40 of the second round. Willis, who didn't begin his pro career until age 23, improved to 16-0 with 12 KOs, while Minton dipped to 20-6-1 with 10 KOs.

Early fireworks saw the quick-moving Willis stun Minton with an overhand right. He then drove Minton into a corner with a salvo to the body. Minton picked up a cut over his left eye in a later exchange. Willis opened the second with a searing body assault, then moved to the head. When Minton's cut worsened, referee Davey Pearl called in Dr. Donald Romeo who cut the scheduled 12 short.

Wills, who said a straight right opened the cut, proclaimed, "I feel I deserve a world title shot, and I don't care whether it's the WBC, WBA or IBF champion. I want the guy the public wants to see me fight. I want to be the undisputed people's champ."

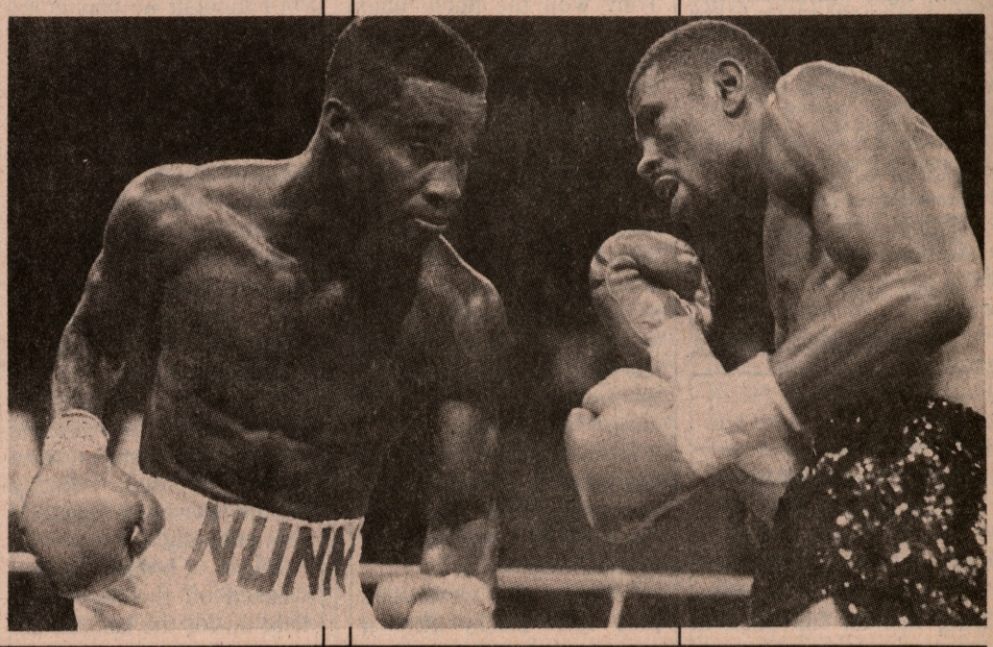
Minton's cornerman Pete Susens said his fighter was the victim of a butt.

A solid prospect surfaced when Argentina's **Pedro Decima**, 121, knocked down USBA super bantamweight ruler **Jesse Benavides**, 123, Corpus Christi, Texas, four times before scoring a TKO at 1:55 of the third round in a scheduled non-title 10.

Decima, the Argentine champion, raised his ledger to 21-1 with 13 KOs, while Benavides slipped to 21-1 with 16 KOs. Decima had no trouble with the southpaw, dropping him with a short right to the jaw early in the first round. Early in the third, the 5-4 warrior from Buenos Aires caught Benavides with another right, dropping him again. Twice more Benavides went down, forcing referee Carlos Padilla to stop the bout.

"I thought it would be a tougher fight, more competitive because I was fighting a titleholder," said Decima through an interpreter. "I'm not interested in a rematch for Benavides' title because I want to go on for a world title shot."

Benavides, bleeding from the mouth and nose with a lump rising under his left eye, made no excuses, saying, "I



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Michael Nunn (left) and Frank Tate slug it out during their IBF title tilt in Las Vegas. Underdog Nunn handed the previously unbeaten Tate a one-sided thrashing.

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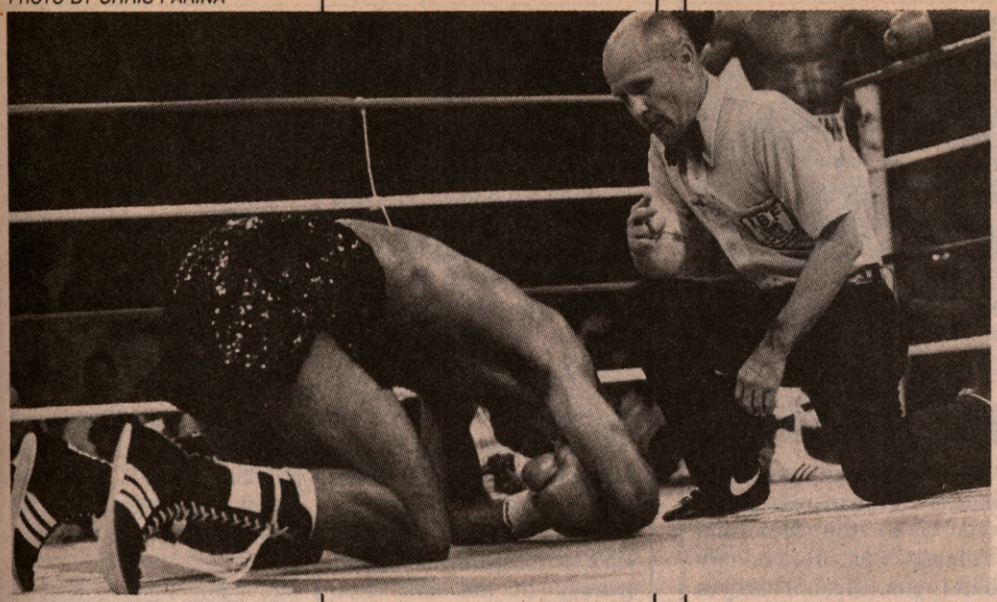


Referee Mills Lane counts over Frank Tate in the eighth round of his bout with Michael Nunn. The former Olympic gold medalist beat the count, but was stopped the next round.

didn't even see the punch that put me down in the first round. It's the shots you don't see that hurt the most. Decima is the hardest hitter I've ever seen."

Michael Watson, 162, London, had to be dissatisfied with his American debut that was scheduled for eight but ended in a three-round technical draw when Israel Cole, 162, Las Vegas, suffered a cut over his right eye after a collision of heads in Round Two. Watson is 18-1-1 with 13 KOs, while Cole stands 9-5-2 with six KOs.

Derrick Rolon, 149, Elizabeth, NJ, made his Vegas bow with a second-round TKO over Curtis Baker, 150. Baker, 7-7 with three KOs, was down in the first and second rounds as Rolon moved to 10-0 with seven KOs.

Mike Tramblyn, 153, Las Vegas, made his pro debut with a rousing, unanimous four-round decision over Harold Springer, 154, Indianapolis, despite being down in the second and fourth rounds.

(7-28-88)

JACK WELSH

JACKSON – DRAYTON

WBA Jr. Middleweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY — IT WAS held at Harrah's Marina, but might have been more at home in a logging camp. Julian Jackson and Buster Drayton chopped away at each other like a couple of frenzied lumberjacks. And when Drayton crashed like a felled timber, it put an exclamation mark of finality on the two unsatisfactory endings of the night before.

Like a battle royal in an Irish pub, Jackson, 153, St. Thomas, and Drayton, 153, Phila., fought like a couple of old friends having a good time. Free of sniping, they praised each other as ideal opponents going in.

"I think he beats Jackson simply because you can't prepare to fight Buster," claimed manager Ivan Cohen. "Nobody fights like him; you can't get a sparring partner to imitate him."

But that didn't bother Julian. Eager to clear himself of the stigma of a devastating loss to Mike McCallum, Jackson felt that Drayton's aggressive style would bring out his own best. "I fight like a soldier crab," he explained. "In a shell. And when I come out, I come out devastating."

That's how they both came out to start the scheduled 12, throwing simultaneous right hand bombs. The furious slugging never let up from there. Jackson had the sharper hands, especially the left hook, exploding out of his hands-up, high and tight, defensive posture. Buster tried to block and counter, but the quickness and precision of the champion sliced through his guard.

An awkward right slid off Jackson early in the second as the challenger got his feet tangled. A short, opportunistic right counter sat Drayton on the canvas, but he bounced up, grinning.

Despite Buster's toothy disclaimer, the knockdown fired the champion to mete out a two-fisted lathering. Drayton answered the challenge, rallying gamely to close out the round. He returned to his corner, beaming at his limited success, then started the third with a renewed confidence. Jackson was momentarily taken out of stride by the vigor of the assault.

A right, then a left hook, jarred the champion, and he fell back behind a jab as if in retreat. But the pendulum quickly swung back when Drayton missed a wild left and got nailed by a right counter. Realizing Buster had been hurt, Julian swung to the attack with dogged resolve.

A withering barrage to body and head brought Buster to a standstill, where a crushing left hook sent him to the canvas with such force that the doctors came pouring into the ring while ref Tony Perez dispensed with the count, a KO at 2:53. Seconds later, up popped the irrepressible Drayton, still sporting the Cheshire cat grin.

"I knew he couldn't hit me with no devastating shot to knock me out," explained Jackson, in going 34-1 with his first defense. "He was straight up in front of me, my type of fighter."

The madcap former IBF champ, who fell to 36-11-1, remained typically unruffled. "I was workin' with him, and I was gonna' see what developed from there," he said simply.

James "Bonecrusher" Smith, 262, Lillington, NC, briefly a holder of the WBA heavyweight title, looked clumsy, wild and out of condition in stumbling through three rounds against lanky southpaw Mike Rouse, 227, Norfolk, Virginia.

The scheduled 10 was declared over after three rounds and ruled a technical draw because Smith had received a nasty cut on the right eye brow earlier in that same round, and it was deemed by the ringside doctors that he was unable to go on. Referee Randy Neumann had said the cut came from an unintentional clash of heads and since less than half of the scheduled rounds had been completed, it could not go to the scorecards to find a winner.

Smith came out bombing, but quickly ran low on fuel. He did, however, drop Rouse in Round Two with a single right hand. Rouse arose at four and smartly kept his senses and his distance to avoid any more Hail Mary's. By the third, Rouse was peppering the one punch at a time Smith and looked to be gaining control. Rouse had received a cut of his own in Round Two on the left eyelid.

Smith is now listed at 19-6-1, 14 KOs, while Rouse is now 11-0-1, five KOs.

In a good action six, Albert Alicea, 131, Troy, NY, got a very debatable unanimous decision over Scott DePew, 123, Defiance, Ohio. All three judges (Eugene Grant, Ron Burns and Rocky Castellani) saw it 58-56. Alicea clearly took Round One, but then it appeared that Scott took complete control over the remaining five rounds with a busy pressure offense. Ref; Rudy Battle. *The Ring* card read 59-56 for DePew, who is 4-1, while Alicea went to 6-4.

Carl Sullivan, 154, Pittsburgh, proved too strong for Veron Phillips, 150½, Troy, NY, and won the scheduled six by TKO at 1:00 of the fifth. Phillips had gotten a standing eight count from referee Rudy Battle in the previous round. Both were 4-0 going in.

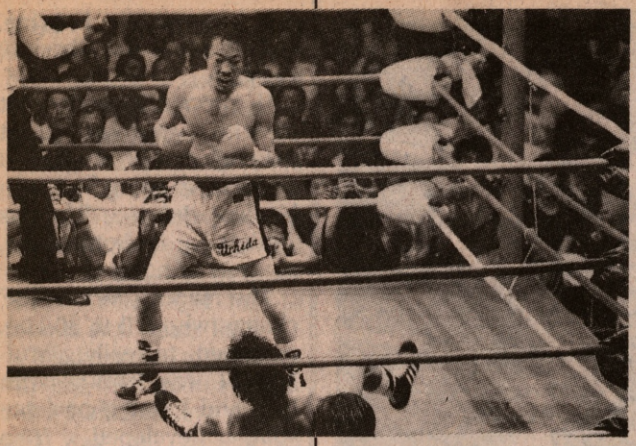
In a lackluster four, sparodic aggressor Bryant Ferris, 214½, Pittsburgh, took a unanimous decision over debuting Anthony Frazier, 188½, NYC. The taller Frazier never knew how to apply his reach edge. Ferris is now 2-0. Ref; Neumann.

Timekeeper: Art Spell.
Promoter: Don King.
Matchmaker: Al Braverman.
Television: CBS.
Announcer: Marvin Goldberg.
Title Bout Judges: Eva Shain of New Jersey, Bob Watson of Michigan and Vinnie Nelson of Minnesota.

(7-30-88)

J.R. JOWETT

Yoshiyuki Uchida floors Gilberto Roman in the fourth round of their bout for the WBC super flyweight title. It proved to be Uchida's only moment of glory as the Mexican came off the canvas to retain his title with a fifth-round TKO.



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ROMAN–UCHIDA

WBC Super Flyweight Title

KAWAGOE, JAPAN—CRAFTY Mexican Gilberto Roman, 115, came off the canvas in the fourth round, dropped Yoshiyuki Uchida, 114¾, twice and scored a TKO victory at 0:39 of the fifth session of a scheduled 12 to retain his WBC super flyweight title at Kawagoe City Gymnasium.

This was Roman's first defense since re-winning his title, and those who remembered him winning it the first time from Jiro Watanabe considered this a mismatch. Though 22-2-1 with 19 KOs, Uchida was matched with selected mediocre opponents and was always outpunched and outlegged before scoring come-from-behind wins.

The experts were right as the Mexican proved too fast and elusive, except in the fourth session when Uchida caught the careless titleholder and dropped him on the seat of his pants. By that time, the 29-year-old Uchida had his face swollen and both eyes were puffed badly. The knockdown occurred when Roman, off balance, took a left. He stayed down for five, then resumed boxing as if nothing had happened, battering Uchida from all angles. Despite the knockdown, one judge scored the round 10-10.

As soon as the fifth started, Roman released a combo to the face and Uchida was down. He barely stood up, but his eyes were glassy and his legs wobbly. The 26-year-old Roman overwhelmed him and a final left hook sent Uchida down heavily. He pulled himself up, but referee Richard Steele wisely called a halt, and no one complained.

The victory raised Roman's credentials to 49-4-1 with 35 knockouts. After four rounds, California's Vince Delgado scored 40-37, Michigan's Stuart Kirschenbaum had it 39-37 and Australia's Malcolm Bulner called it 40-38, all for Roman.

In the semifinal 10, Tetsuya Manaka, the Japanese Commission's No. 7 junior welterweight, drew with Seiji Yoshida in 10.

Promoter: Toshiyuki Matsumoto.

Attendance: 5,000 (est.).

(7-9-88)

JOE KOIZUMI

CHANG–OHASHI

WBC Light Flyweight Title

TOKYO—JUNG-KOO CHANG, 108, impressively kept his WBC light flyweight title for the 15th time as he floored Japanese challenger Katsuyuki Ohashi, also 108, seven times and stopped him at 1:47 of the eighth session in a scheduled 12.

It was "The Korean Hawk's" first defense abroad, and he displayed his ferocity and fire before 3,400 spectators at Korakuen Hall. Five days before, Chang suffered a split inside the mouth during a sparring session, and the titleholder's manager, Ho-Yun Chun, insisted on a postponement. But Chang made up his mind to fight as scheduled, perhaps because he had already stopped Ohashi in five gory rounds in Korea, December 14, 1986.

The 23-year-old challenger was 44-3 with 27 KOs as an amateur, but his pro log read just 8-2 with four knockouts. Still, he mixed gamely in the first two frames before the 25-year-old Chang put him down the first time with a well-timed left hook in the third round. Ohashi beat the count, but Chang's follow-up forced a standing count. Before the round ended, Ohashi was sent to one knee, but the three-knockdown rule had been waived and referee Carlos Padilla allowed the fight to continue.

Chang backed Ohashi against the ropes, but Ohashi lashed out with a wicked countering right to the button and Chang was suddenly rubber-legged and trying desperately to grab Ohashi. The bell saved the Korean.

Chang still appeared wobbly as the fourth started, and Ohashi scored well. By the end of the round, Chang was bleeding from the lip, Ohashi from the right eyebrow. The two fought on equal terms in the next two rounds, but Chang swarmed all over his lanky foe in the seventh, dropping him with a three-punch combo. Ohashi tried to land another desperation punch, but Chang decked him again with a sharp right and the bell saved Ohashi.

When right uppercuts floored Ohashi twice more in the eighth, Padilla had seen enough. After seven rounds Chang was ahead on all cards, Colombian judge Horacio Castilla scoring 68-64, California's James Jenkin 68-63 and Larry Nadayag of the Philippines, 67-66. Chang is 36-1 with 16 KOs.

"Ohashi was much stronger than two years ago, but my fighting spirit made me keep the world title," said Chang.

Ohashi said, "I showed my best. I scored very good punches, but Chang endured and fought back. He was great."

In the semi-windup, Missile Kudo, 103½, avenged a previous setback and wrested the Japanese strawweight title via a split decision over Yasuo Yogi, the defending champ at 105, in a close 10. Kudo was making his third try for the national crown, having lost twice by decision to Kenji Ono. Yogi dominated the first half, but faded obviously from the sixth round on as Kudo kept coming forward, piling up points. Referee Uchida and judge Ugo each scored 98-97, Kudo, while judge Kanaya saw it 99-98, Yogi. The new champ is 11-10-2 with three KOs, while Yogi, the WBA's No. 10 contender, is 7-3-2 with five KOs.

Filipino import Tiger (Ari) Asakura, 130, tasted his first defeat as he was overpowered by Dong-Il Kim, the Korean Commission's No. 4 junior lightweight, and dropped a unanimous nod (98-97, 99-95 and 99-94) in 10. Kim had the talented Filipino lefty on the defensive thanks to his superior power at close range. Tiger attempted to counter the willing mixer, but in vain. Tiger, scouted by Asakura Gym and living in Japan, fell to 19-1 with nine knockouts.

Promoters: Muneakatsu Kawargi & Kenji Yonekura.

TV: TV Asahi (Japan) & KBS (Korea).

(6-27-88)

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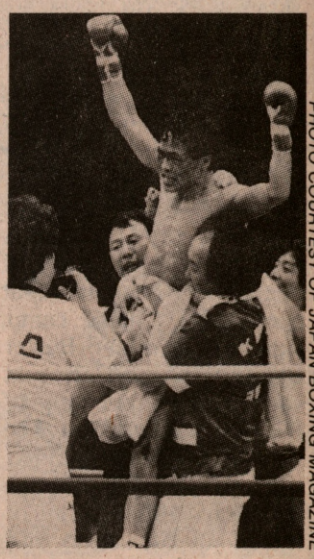

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Jung-Koo Chang celebrates his 15th successful title defense shortly after stopping Japanese challenger Katsuyuki Ohashi in Tokyo.

CURRY – ROSI

WBC Super Welterweight Title

SAN REMO, ITALY — FORmer world welterweight champion Donald Curry captured the WBC super welterweight title when defending titleholder Gianfranco Rosi surrendered in his corner after Round Nine of the scheduled 12.

The 29-year-old Curry knocked down Rosi six times, though just five were considered official knockdowns by Mexican referee Octavio Meyran. Rosi, 153½, claimed a hand injury forced his retirement and handed him his third loss against 42 wins, 14 of the victories coming by knockout. Curry, 154¾, notched the 21st KO in his 30-2 log.

Rosi hurt Curry with a first-round right hand, but that was his only good moment. Curry was cut over the right eye in the seventh, but Meyran ruled a butt had caused the wound. If the bout had been stopped, the result would have depended on the scorecards, and it would be hard to imagine Rosi being in front.

Curry landed a short left hook in the second round, and Rosi went down. It became a familiar sight as Rosi was floored again in the fourth, and three times in the seventh, though only two counted. Another short left dropped Rosi as the seventh began, but Rosi was up so quickly Meyran failed to call it a knockdown. But Curry dropped Rosi twice more before the frame ended, then put him down again in the eighth.

A badly cut left eye caused former European champion Salvatore Curcetti to surrender in the sixth round to English lightweight George Jones. Curcetti took an early lead, but the right of Jones began landing in the fourth, and Curcetti's eye was cut in the fifth.

England's Fidel O'Toole, 164, suffered his first loss when he was disqualified in the third round against Italian champion Francesco Dell'Aquila, 160. Dell'Aquila dropped O'Toole twice in the second, and the visitor was penalized two points for roughhousing in the second. When the two tumbled to the canvas for the second time in the third, O'Toole drew the DQ to drop to 9-1-1 as Dell'Aquila rose to 13-0-1 with five KOs.

Ben Sayel, 141¾, was also disqualified when Argentina's Hugo Hernandez, 143, was cut on the bridge of the nose in Round Five. Hernandez is 49-2-1, while Sayel is 8-3-1, all wins coming by KO.

Lightweight Benji Marquez, fighting out of Denver, improved to 15-5 with 11 KOs by winning a six-round decision over Zaire's Museta Bingunia, who slipped to 24-2-1.

Promoter: Top Rank, Inc.

TV: ESPN.

(7-8-88)

CANIZALES – SEABROOKS

IBF Bantamweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY — "EVERYthing off the right" isn't apt to be heard in any class on boxing fundamentals. But it served as the basis for an excellent contest at the championship level when Orlando Canizales lifted Kelvin Seabrooks' crown in a sensation at The Sands.

"He's accustomed to getting close enough to throw the overhand right," the champion analyzed in his pre-fight plan. "I'm five-foot-six, he's five-foot-three-and-a-half. If I can keep him away, I'll hope to take away his overhand right. He's not the same fighter if you take that punch away from him."

But the challenger didn't consider that likely. "I saw tapes of his fights, and I knew he could be hit with a right hand," Orlando informed.

Indeed, the champion's almost trademark reputation for visiting the floor in the opening round, coupled with Canizales' solid credentials as a challenger, had the crowd on the edge of its seats. About two minutes into an uneventful first, Seabrooks set to fire his own right, but was beaten to the punch by a beauty of a cannon shot. Kelvin made a frozen arc to the canvas as if mummified, yet somehow found the resources to rise and ride out the storm. By the time he hit the floor again . . . 15 rounds later . . . the contest had gone from blowout to near-classic. But it was the challenger's ability to deliver the short, straight right inside the champion's more roundabout version that ultimately prevailed.

Not one to be accused of oversimplification, Canizales' trainer, Jesse Reid, explained, "He punched on the angles and kept changing his height to throw Seabrooks off. Orlando kept . . . turning him into his punches and generating a lot of power." But Canizales, 118, Laredo, TX, almost saw his whole game plan go begging when he injured his right mitt in a free-swinging second. "After the second round, I was fighting through pain," he said later. And fight he did! The challenger built up a big early lead as his heavier punching prevailed in thunderous right-hand shootouts.

Seabrooks, 118, Charlotte, NC, added severely to Orlando's discomfort, and in the process turned the fight in the sixth. A sneak right lead badly cut the challenger's left eye and had him visibly distraught. Added to a Texas-sized welt on his forehead from clanging noggins in the vigorous exchanges, Orlando began to look like a turned-back challenger. Seabrooks moved smartly into command as Orlando gave ground. Shaking his head to clear his vision while wringing his throbbing right, Canizales hardly resembled a future champion in the next few rounds. But Reid denied telling him to buy time. "I'll worry about the cut; you just go out there and fight," were his only instructions. The Texan finally planted his feet and hurt Kelvin with a right to close the eighth. Confidence restored, the challenger punished Seabrooks

PHOTO BY ERIC B. HUGHES

Orlando Canizales (left) fires a left to the side of Kelvin Seabrooks' head during their thrilling bout in Atlantic City. Canizales won via a 15th round TKO to win the IBF bantamweight crown.

through the ninth, wobbling him with a left hook.

But the champion hadn't quit after many discouraging early losses in a 25-13 career and wasn't about to now. The pitched battle continued through the 14th, with the challenger's heavier hands generally finishing off the exchanges. Orlando held an insurmountable lead in the excellently scored bout, the judges in agreement on all but two rounds: Frank Brunette 137-128, Richard F. Murry 138-127 and Phil Newman 138-128. Yet both jumped to the attack in the final round as if victory was on the line. Canizales got there first, a crushing right sending Kelvin into the canvas. The champion arose, to be driven to the ropes on rubbery legs. A left hook snapped his head around, prompting Rudy Battle to jump in at 1:03. The new champion was crowned at 20-1-1.

Commented Reid, "All good fighters are good listeners. Orlando is very intelligent. A lot of those things he did were his judgment and a lot were my judgment. I was real proud of him." The same can be said of the whole affair. This was possibly the last of the true championship fights. Now that the cowardly pedagogues have ruined the sport to protect their own privilege, Kelvin and Orlando provided a most worthy final act.

Micky Ward, 139, Lowell, Mass., had a field day cleaning up on Marvin Garris, 140, Phila., in a scheduled 10. The normally snappy, but somewhat frail Garris looked shopworn and was able to offer nothing to the tough, slugging New Englander. Micky walked through him and Marvin remained in his corner, claiming injured ribs, after the second. Ward rose to 18-1 and Garris fell to 15-8-1. Ref, Randy Neumann.

Harold Rhodes, 127, New Jersey, won a unanimous decision over Cedric Mingo, 125¾, Charlotte, in a non-stop action six. The game southpaw Mingo took a bad beating at the start, but peppered the pressuring Rhodes to hold his own after the second. The winner went to 8-2 and the loser to 5-4. Ref, Paul Venti.

Debuting skinhead Jose "Pit Bull" Hernandez, 126, Elizabeth, found there's more to boxing then being tough, looking mean and adopting a scary nickname. Jose got dropped in the first and second and could barely get off a serious punch in losing a unanimous decision to Jesus Cruz, 126, Paterson, four. Cruz went to 2-2. Ref, Venti.

Promoter: Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).

Matchmakers: Teddy Brenner & Ron Katz.

Attendance: 700 (est.).

TV: CBS.

Judges (undercard): Milo Savage, Lynne Carter & Rich Strange.

Timekeeper: Justin Bucanico.

Announcer: Mike Buffer.

(7-9-88)

J.R. JOWETT

HOLYFIELD - TILLIS

STATELINE, NEVADA — Evander Holyfield officially declared himself a contender for Mike Tyson's heavyweight throne with a fifth-round technical knockout of James "Quick" Tillis in an outdoor arena at Caesars Tahoe.

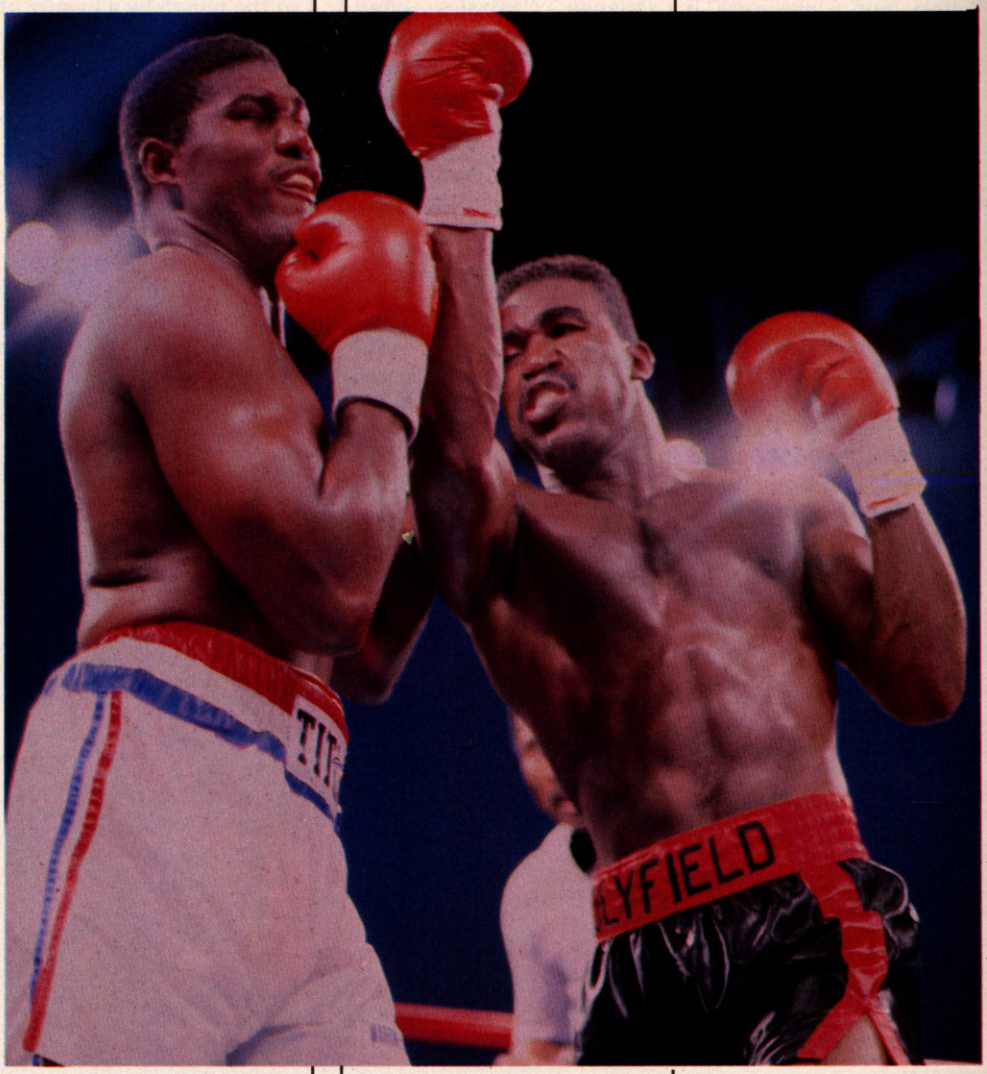
A spent Tillis, having taken punishment all evening, retired on his stool after a particularly uncomfortable fifth round.

It was Holyfield's first exam in an experiment that, in theory, will result in his meeting Tyson sometime next year.

A scientific program to transform Holyfield into a heavyweight machine has, so far, produced a 202-pounder capable of beating up on a 31-year-old former contender.

But while Holyfield was systematically destroying a sleep-walking Tillis, it was hard not to conjure up images of what would happen if Holyfield had been punching at Tyson. Holyfield's promoter Dan Duva warned against coming to any conclusions so soon. "Our goal is the heavyweight championship and this was the first step," Duva said. "He's not ready now, but he will be."

Tillis had raised suspicion that he might be serious when he weighed in at a surprisingly trim 210 pounds. That was the last indication he would be a real test, however, as the undisputed cruiserweight



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Evander Holyfield (right) rips into James "Quick" Tillis en route to a TKO victory in his first "official" outing as a heavyweight.

It's textbook stuff as Holyfield digs a left hook to the body as Tillis covers up to protect his head.

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king found more resistance from the light mountain air than he did from the "Fighting Cowboy."

Holyfield was in command from the outset and punished Tillis' body nearly at will. It was evident early on that Holyfield's strength program, which includes swimming and weight training, hasn't slowed his hand speed.

Several hard rights and a couple of jarring uppercuts knocked Tillis off balance but, like a bowling pin that had been nicked, Tillis wobbled but never went down.

By the fifth round, Tillis was spent and doing nothing but testing the new heavyweight's punching power. The Atlantan, sensing the end was near, attacked with hooks to the body and hard rights to the head.

A left uppercut near the end of the round hurt Tillis, who took refuge on the ropes as he had frequently during the contest. A right uppercut accented Holyfield's assault as Tillis covered up on the ropes and awaited the bell.

Tillis, Tulsa, trudged ever so slowly back to his corner, where he, his manager Beau Williford and Dr. Edward Dehne discussed the prospects of another round, then packed it in.

"I don't think this was my best but I got the job done," Holyfield said. "I feel I can get better each time I fight."

The next time should be in the fall, according to the Duvas, who mentioned the names Pinklon Thomas, Orlin Norris and Michael Dokes as possible opponents.

Holyfield opened the fight by landing a right to the head and a left to the body that seemed to bother Tillis. The "Fighting Cowboy" waved at Holyfield to come again and he did, burying a right to the side that hurt.

Tillis started a little quicker in the second but was quickly discouraged by a hard right to the heart. Holyfield landed two more good rights, then a sneaky left hook inside. Another right drove Tillis into Holyfield's corner where the fighters exchanged punches after the bell. Referee Richard Steele eventually separated the fighters, then had to separate their cornermen.

Holyfield slowed a bit in the third and fourth rounds and Tillis seized the opportunity, winning the fourth on one of the judges' cards.

At the press conference, Tillis, 38-14-1, announced he would fight no more and gave testimony that Holyfield possesses heavyweight credentials. "He hits hard. He's a lot faster than Tyson. If Holyfield used his leg speed and everything else, he could give 'The Gorilla' everything he wants."

Still, questions remain about Holyfield's punching power and his ability to withstand 12 tough rounds with a heavy hitter such as Tyson. Holyfield's co-trainer Lou Duva had to remind reporters what happened when Tillis met Tyson.

"Tillis went 10 rounds with Mike Tyson," Duva argued. "Tyson hit him all night and nothing happened."

In the semi-main event, **Frankie Warren,** 140, Corpus Christi, retained his USBA junior welterweight title by unanimously outpointing "Classy" Clarence Coleman, 137, Newark, through 12 rounds.

Judges Doug Tucker, Keith MacDonald and John McSweeney all scored it 116-112. Warren improved to 25-1 with 16 KOs and Coleman dipped to 13-2-1, three KOs.

Coleman, 5-9, used his six-inch height advantage and boxed well in the first two rounds. Warren began cutting the distance between the two in Round Three and by the fourth Coleman was breathing through his mouth.

Warren did most of his damage while Coleman rested on the ropes. There were no knockdowns and neither fighter was ever in danger of going down.

John John Molina, 131, Fajardo, Puerto Rico, stopped Miguel Medina, 133, San Jose, Calif., at 1:11 of the eighth in a scheduled 10-rounder. Molina, 18-1, 13 KOs, pressured Medina, 12-6, throughout and scored at will but was unable to score a knockdown.

In another mismatch, Randy Johnson, 216, Vancouver, Canada, slammed Steve Harvey, 183, Springfield, Oregon, to the canvas twice and stopped him at 51 seconds of the first round of a scheduled six-rounder. Steele thought of stopping it after the first knockdown. Seconds later, a Johnson right hand to the temple lifted Harvey off his feet and planted him three feet backward. That convinced Steele.

Elias Mayarga, 156½, Reno, won a four-round, unanimous decision over Richard LeFevre, 159, Long View, Wash.

Billy Martinez, 136½, Albany, Oregon, stopped Jesse Madriles, 140, Hillsboro, Oregon, at 1:33 of the fourth and final round.

Promoter: Main Events.

Attendance: 5,000.

TV: SHOWTIME.

Judges: Doug Tucker, Keith MacDonald, John McSweeney & Lillian Runningwolf.

Timekeepers: Jim Carpenter & Steve Menzel.

Physicians: Edward Dehne & James McLennan.

(7-16-88)

JIM McCAY

"GOLDEN BOY" STRIKES IT RICH

by Ben Sharav

Donny Lalonde Looks To Sugar Ray For Million Dollar Payday

HAS SUGAR RAY LEONARD GONE OFF the deep end? "Golden Boy" Donny Lalonde thinks so. While Dave Wolf, manager of the Canadian-born World Boxing Council light heavyweight champion was hard at work negotiating a multimillion dollar, two-title bout between his man and the retired-between-fights Leonard, Lalonde was raising questions about the Sugar Man's sanity.

"I think he's losing it, going out of his mind, crazy," Lalonde, 28, said of the 32-year-old Sugar Ray, who has won and relinquished championships in the welterweight, junior middle and middleweight divisions in his on-again, off-again, decade-long pro career.

Leonard's lawyer, Mike Trainer, and Wolf were still hammering out kinks for a bout in which Leonard will simultaneously challenge for Lalonde's 175-pound title as well as for the vacant WBC title in the newly recognized 168-pound class, known variously as the "super middleweight," "junior light heavyweight" and "idiotic blubberweight" division. (The latter, decidedly unofficial, designation was coined by the iconoclastic, underground boxing scribe Flash Gordon when the IBF first created the division, seemingly as a weigh-station for a couple of out-of-shape middleweights in search of a "world" title).

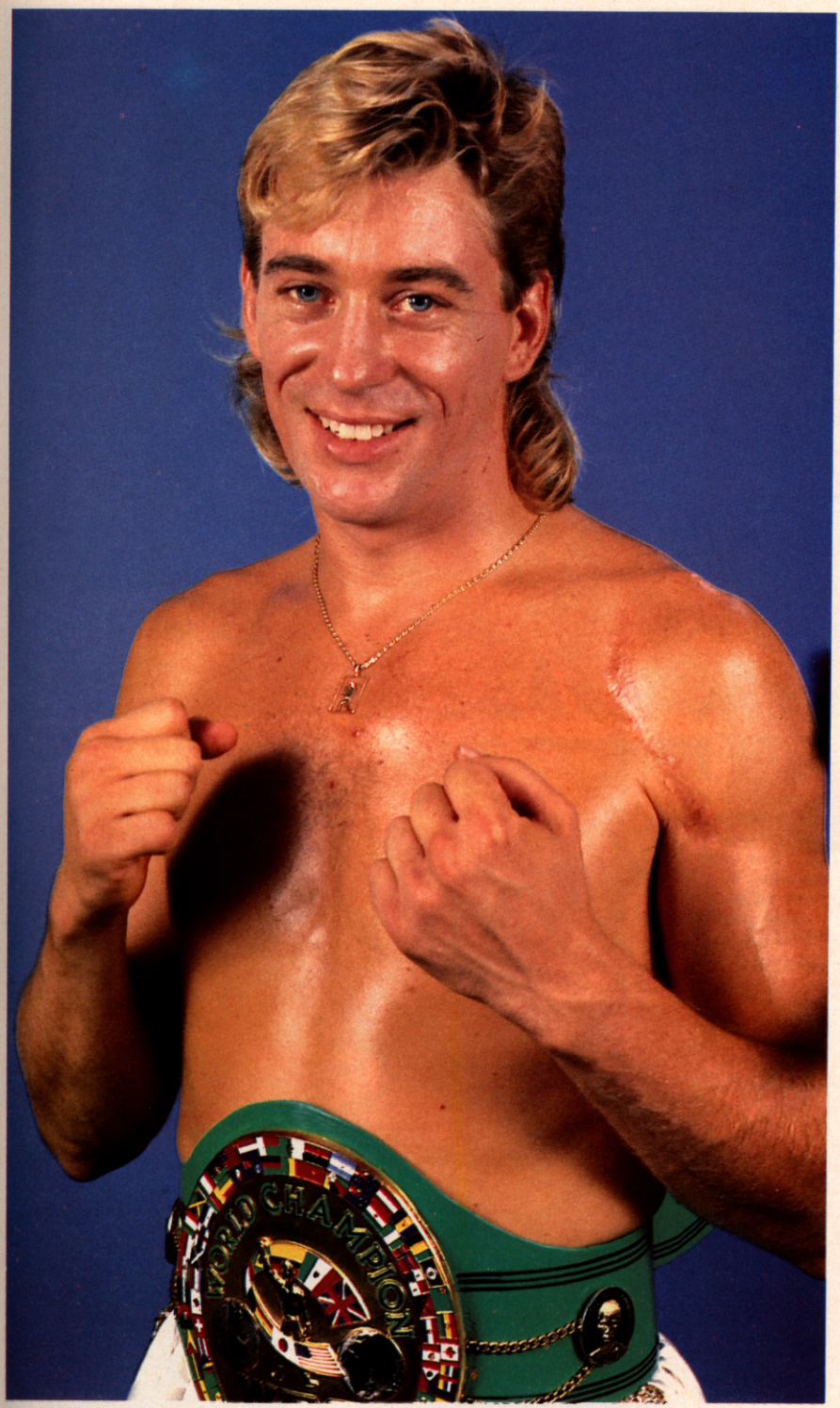
"It's like he can't understand the difference in our sizes," Lalonde continued. "Maybe Hagler hit him harder than we thought."

Hagler, of course, is Marvelous Marvin Hagler, whom Leonard challenged for the world middleweight championship in Ray's *last* comeback in April of last year. Many people in the boxing business had thought Leonard was a bit crazy for thinking he could win *that* fight. But after Leonard outboxed the legendary Hagler and made off with his treasured crown, he seems to have convinced most he has the speed and finesse to beat heavier men such as Lalonde. Still, Lalonde professes extreme confidence.

"I don't need to deal with Leonard's speed," Lalonde said. "He can do whatever he wants with his hands, but he's not big enough to hurt me. All he has to do is get close enough to me and I'll knock him out."

If that sounds cocksure, it's rather out of character for Lalonde. In another breath Donny admitted, "Technically, Leonard's a better man. Skill-for-skill, he's a better boxer." But getting back to where he holds the edge, Lalonde asserted, "This fight's not going to be a matter of skill. It will be a matter of size." Almost as an afterthought, the WBC light heavyweight beltholder added, "And I'm not a slouch as far as skill goes, either."

Just three years ago, the idea that Lalonde would one day be positioned for a multimillion dollar fight with Leonard, or anybody else, would probably have been good for a belly laugh in Winnipeg, Manitoba or Palmer Park, Maryland, or any place in between. Lalonde had just challenged Willie Ed-



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wards for the North American Boxing Federation title in May, 1985. The bout, held in Donny's Winnipeg home town, ended on a ninth-round TKO for the Detroiter, Edwards, who bounced Lalonde up and down like a basketball until the referee rescued Donny.

It seemed that Lalonde, who was then the Canadian champion, did not have what it takes to compete with top fighters from south of the border. He had a questionable chin and a suspect left hand because of an old shoulder injury. Even worse, it seemed that Donny's head was not really into boxing.

As a boy growing up in Vancouver, British Columbia and later, Winnipeg, Donny was a natural athlete but was never interested in boxing. His big sports were football and hockey, where he played center in juvenile league.

Juvenile league hockey in Canada was even more free-swinging than the NHL product. "We had some wild brawls," Lalonde said. But Donny wasn't a big fighter, then. "I would only fight to defend myself." But he was a good skater, an excellent player. In fact, he believes that if he had concentrated on hockey he might be playing in the NHL today.

But an unstable home life and a serious injury got in the way of Lalonde's schooling and his budding hockey career. Lalonde's father had abandoned the family when Donny was just three. Lalonde's mother, left with four kids to raise, married a miner, who became physically abusive to her and the children.

So at 15, Lalonde left home and moved in with his older brother. Donny worked days as a carpenter building houses and quit school. He continued to play league hockey for a couple of years, but at age 17 suffered a separation of his left shoulder when he was checked from behind into the boards.

Lalonde's arm was popped back into place, but he had to give up hockey while he recuperated. When he thought he had recovered, he took up boxing for the first time, save for the time when he was 12 years old and his mother made him take some boxing lessons.

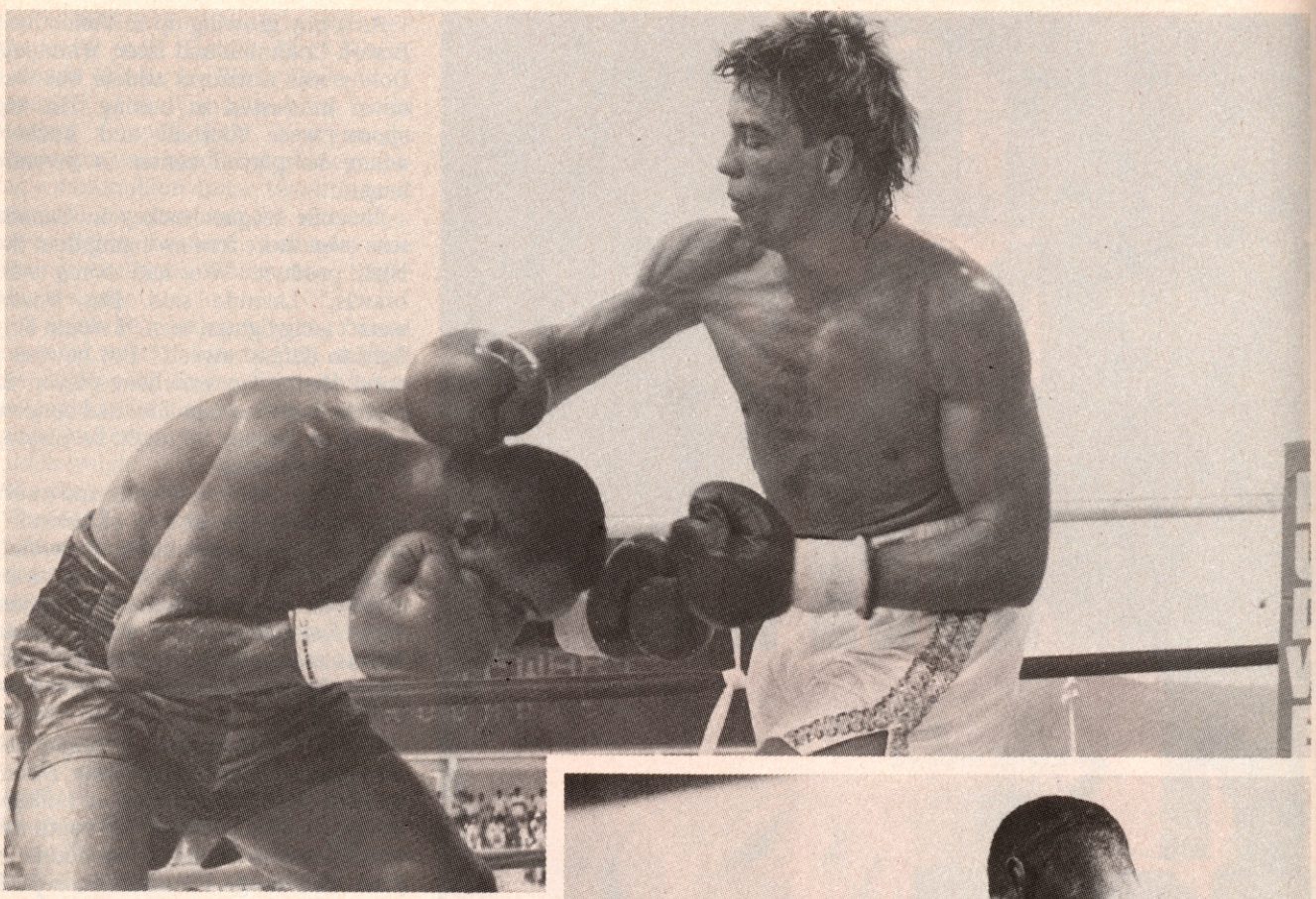
Lalonde didn't fit in well with amateur boxing. His long, flowing blond hair and his streak of individualism were a bit much for some conservative elements to take. One day he was skipping rope, barefoot, in the gym when the coach reprimanded him.

"I don't have money for boxing shoes," Donny explained.

"Don't come back here until you can afford to buy shoes and cut your hair," the coach responded.

Lalonde had only 15 fights, winning 11 and losing four, in three years of amateur fighting. He also had surgery on his left shoulder during that time. "I got suspended because I was different; I didn't like the amateur style," Lalonde said. "I wanted to turn pro."

Lalonde turned pro in April, 1980, soon after his 20th birthday, scoring a



Lalonde (right) on the attack against Trinidad's Leslie Stewart during the fifth round of their WBC light heavyweight title bout in Port-of-Spain.

Intensity shows on Lalonde's face as the "Golden Boy" jabs his way inside against Stewart en route to a TKO at 2:34 of the fifth round.

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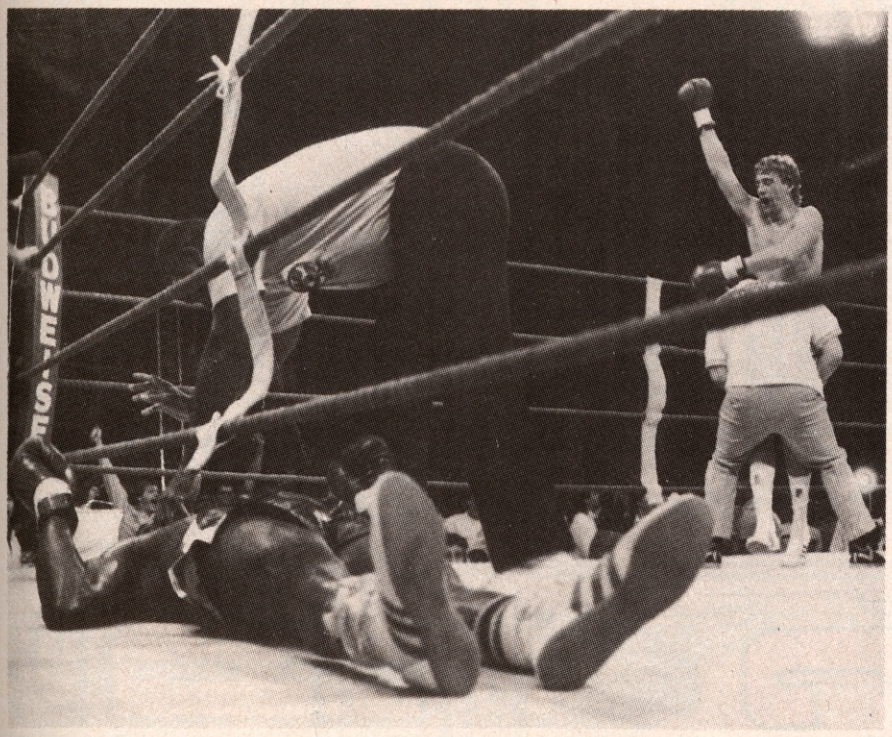

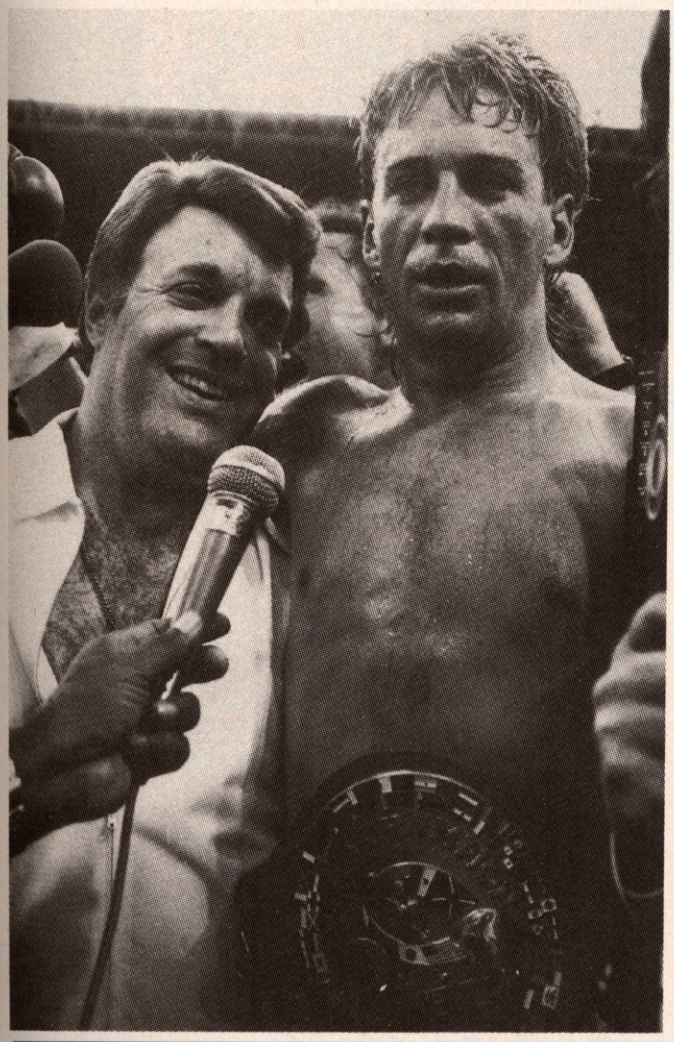

Referee Ismael Quinones pries the mouthpiece from unconscious Eddie Davis moments after he was knocked down for the third and final time by Lalonde, who can be seen celebrating his victory in the background.

Lalonde and manager Dave Wolf conduct TV interviews in the ring shortly after Lalonde successfully defended his WBC 175-pound belt by knocking out Stewart.

second-round knockout over Kenny Nichol in Winnipeg. Though his left arm had not been fixed properly, he could throw bombs with his right. After three years of fighting almost exclusively in his home town, he had put together a record of 13 wins (10 by knockout) and one loss. The lone setback, a six-round decision loss to Wilbert "Vampire" Johnson in March, 1981, Lalonde promptly avenged with a second-round kayo seven months later.

Lalonde was acting as his own manager then. Despite his lack of formal education, he found a bold way to finance his ring career while the purses were small: speculation in real estate.

"I saw that they weren't making any more land," he noted. "I begged, borrowed and stole — no, I never stole, but I begged and borrowed — enough to buy three properties, and I turned them over for a quick profit."

After scoring his 13th victory in an eight-rounder with Don Hirtle in Toronto, Lalonde went in for shoulder surgery for the second time. This time they did a more extensive job, removing part of the muscle and installing a screw. The shoulder was strengthened and it stopped causing pain, but admittedly, the range of movement was not 100 percent.

With his newly repaired shoulder, Lalonde challenged the veteran Roddy MacDonald for the Canadian light heavyweight championship. The nationally televised fight brought Lalonde his first extensive publicity. He shut out the favored MacDonald for nine-plus rounds until the referee halted the contest in the 10th.

Lalonde scored four more quick knockouts — two in title defenses — but his Canadian competition could only be described as mediocre. It was then Lalonde decided to step up in class and face Edwards, who hammered him right back down.

Donny claims the physical beating was not severe.

"My legs just didn't recover from the first knockdown," he recalled. "Two-and-a-half minutes went by from the first knockdown until the fight was over. He never really caught me with another good shot after the first one. My mental capacity was fine, but my

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The RING RATINGS AS OF AUGUST 5, 1988

HEAVYWEIGHTS (No Weight Limit) WORLD CHAMPION

MIKE TYSON	New Jersey
1. Evander Holyfield	Georgia
2. Carl Williams	New Jersey
3. Tim Witherspoon	Pennsylvania
4. Tony Tucker	Michigan
5. Adilson Rodrigues	Brazil
6. Donovan Ruddock	Jamaica
7. Michael Dokes	Ohio
8. Pinklon Thomas	Michigan
9. Johnny DuPlooy	South Africa
10. James Douglas	Ohio

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS (Not Over 175 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT	
1. Charles Williams	Ohio
2. Virgil Hill	North Dakota
3. Dennis Andries	England
4. Don Lalonde	Canada
5. Tony Willis	Illinois
6. Bobby Czyz	New Jersey
7. Fulgencio Obelmejias	Venezuela
8. Chong-Pal Park	Korea
9. Lindell Holmes	Michigan
10. Graciano Rocchigiani	Germany

MIDDLEWEIGHTS (Not Over 160 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

SUMBU KALAMBAY	Italy
1. Michael Nunn	California
2. Iran Barkley	New York
3. Thomas Hearns	Michigan
4. Frank Tate	Texas
5. Herol Graham	England
6. Mike McCallum	Jamaica
7. Matthew Hilton	Canada
8. Donald Curry	*Texas*
9. Julian Jackson	*Virgin Islands*
10. Gianfranco Rosi	*Italy*

WELTERWEIGHTS (Not Over 147 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

LLOYD HONEYGHAN	England
1. Simon Brown	Washington, D.C.
2. Tomas Molinares	Colombia
3. Marlon Starling	Connecticut
4. Maurice Blocker	Washington, D.C.
5. Mark Breland	New York
6. Juan Martin Coggi	Argentina
7. Roger Mayweather	Nevada
8. James McGirt	New York
9. Meldrick Taylor	Pennsylvania
10. Manning Galloway	Ohio

LIGHTWEIGHTS (Not Over 135 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT	
1. Julio Cesar Chavez	Mexico
2. Greg Haugen	Washington
3. Pernell Whitaker	Virginia
4. Jose Luis Ramirez	Mexico
5. Edwin Rosario	Puerto Rico
6. Amancio Castro	Colombia
7. Azumah Nelson	Ghana
8. Primo Ramos	Mexico
9. Tony Lopez	California
10. Rocky Lockridge	New Jersey

FEATHERWEIGHTS (Not Over 126 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA	Venezuela
1. Jeff Fenech	Australia
2. Jorge Paez	Mexico
3. Calvin Grove	Pennsylvania
4. Marcos Villasana	Mexico
5. Juan Jose Estrada	Mexico
6. Jeff Franklin	Nevada
7. Hector Lopez	Mexico
8. Bernardo Pinango	Venezuela
9. Victor Callejas	Puerto Rico
10. Pedro Decima	Argentina

BANTAMWEIGHTS (Not Over 118 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT	
1. Miguel Lora	Colombia
2. Kaosai Galaxy	Thailand
3. Gilberto Roman	Mexico
4. Orlando Canizales	Texas
5. Raul Perez	Mexico
6. Kaokor Galaxy	Thailand
7. Kelvin Seabrooks	South Carolina
8. Santos Laciar	Argentina
9. Sugar Baby Rojas	Colombia
10. Wilfredo Vasquez	Puerto Rico

FLYWEIGHTS (Not Over 112 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

YONG-KANG KIM	Korea
1. Jung-Koo Chang	Korea
2. Sot Chitalada	Thailand
3. Fidel Bassa	Colombia
4. Myung-Woo Yuh	Korea
5. Hilario Zapata	*Panama*
6. Rolando Bohol	*Philippines*
7. Gabriel Bernal	*Mexico*
8. Dodie Penalosa	Philippines
9. Ray Medel	Texas
10. Duke McKenzie	England

The RING CALENDAR NOVEMBER 1988

Julian Jackson

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1 TUESDAY
1986—Kaosai Galaxy KO5 Israel Contreras to retain WBA junior bantamweight title in Curacao.

2 WEDNESDAY
1948—Victor Galindez born in Buenos Aires.

3 THURSDAY
1984—Jose Luis Ramirez TKO4 Edwin Rosario to win WBC lightweight title in San Juan. *The Ring*'s Fight of the Year.

4 FRIDAY
1934—Marcel Cerdan makes pro debut in Meknes with W6 over Marcel Bucchianeri.

5 SATURDAY
1981—James "Bonecrusher" Smith is stopped in the fourth round by James "The Leaning Tower of Wildwood" Broad in Smith's pro debut in Atlantic City.

6 SUNDAY
1981—Larry Holmes retains world heavyweight championship in Pittsburgh with TKO11 over Renaldo Snipes.

7 MONDAY
1970—Carlos Monzon wins world middleweight championship with KO12 of Nino Benvenuti in *The Ring*'s Fight of the Year in Rome.

8 TUESDAY
1985—Victor Callejas TKO6 Loris Stecca to retain WBA junior featherweight title in Rimini, Italy.

9 WEDNESDAY
1984—Larry Holmes TKO12 James "Bonecrusher" Smith to retain world heavyweight championship in Las Vegas.

10 THURSDAY
1985—Jung-Koo Chang W15 Jorge Cano to retain WBC light flyweight title in Korea.

11 FRIDAY
1972—Carlos Monzon W15 Bennie Briscoe to retain world middleweight championship in Buenos Aires.

12 SATURDAY
1897—Jack Root makes pro debut with KO4 of Charles Upton in Chicago.

13 SUNDAY
1980—Lee Roy Murphy makes pro debut in Chicago with KO2 of Roger Moore.

14 MONDAY
1930—Tony Canzoneri knocks out Al Singer in 1:46 to win world lightweight championship in New York.

15 TUESDAY
1952—Jimmy Carruthers knocks out Vic Toweel in 2:19 to win world bantamweight championship in Johannesburg.

16 WEDNESDAY
1934—Bob Olin wins world light heavyweight championship with W15 over Maxie Rosenbloom.

17 THURSDAY
1967—Dick Tiger retains world light heavyweight championship with KO2 of Roger Rouse in *The Ring*'s Round of the Year in Las Vegas.

18 FRIDAY
1970—Joe Frazier retains world heavyweight championship with KO2 of Bob Foster in Detroit.

19 SATURDAY
1977—Pipino Cuevas retains WBA welterweight title with TKO11 of Angel Espada in San Juan.

20 SUNDAY
1976—Trevor Berbick makes pro debut in Moncton with TKO5 of Angus Martin.

21 MONDAY
1972—Muhammad Ali retains NABF heavyweight title in Stateline, Nevada with KO8 of Bob Foster. Round Five *The Ring*'s Round of the Year.

22 TUESDAY
1969—Nino Benvenuti retains world middleweight championship with KO11 of Luis Rodriguez in Rome. Final round *The Ring*'s Round of the Year.

23 WEDNESDAY
1915—Ted "Kid" Lewis retains world welterweight championship with one-round KO of Jimmy Duffy in Boston.

24 THURSDAY
1948—Carmen Basilio makes pro debut with KO3 of Jimmy Evans in Binghampton.

25 FRIDAY
1983—Larry Holmes stops Marvis Frazier in 2:57 to retain world heavyweight championship in Las Vegas.

26 SATURDAY
1982—Larry Holmes W15 Tex Cobb to retain world heavyweight championship in Houston.

27 SUNDAY
1964—Jose Torres KO1 Bobo Olson in *The Ring*'s Round of the Year in New York.

28 MONDAY
1906—Tommy Burns retains world heavyweight championship after 20-round draw with "Philadelphia" Jack O'Brien in Los Angeles.

29 TUESDAY
1985—Ki-Yung Chun TKO15 Min-Kuen Oh to win IBF featherweight title in Chonju, Korea.

30 WEDNESDAY
1955—Carmen Basilio TKO12 Tony DeMarco to retain world welterweight championship in *The Ring*'s Fight of the Year in Boston.

Lalonde

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legs wouldn't hold me up and I fell down four times before the ref stopped the fight."

Lalonde decided then that he needed a professional manager if he was to continue his career. He approached Mike Trainer, but Trainer was busy managing business for Leonard and the highly touted Toronto welterweight and 1984 Olympic silver medalist, Shawn O'Sullivan, and had no interest in taking on Lalonde. But Trainer and Bruce Trampler of Top Rank, Lalonde's promoter, both suggested that Donny give Wolf a call.

Wolf, the former sportswriter-turned-fight manager, had had some highly visible flops, such as the comeback of Duane Bobick and the abortive ring career of footballer Ed "Too Tall" Jones. But he had hit paydirt managing Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini to the WBA lightweight championship and millions of dollars in purses and endorsements.

Wolf agreed to manage Lalonde in October of 1985. "A 'standard management contract' with Dave runs about 30 pages," Lalonde said.

The contract gives Wolf total control over Lalonde's boxing career and a fairly wide influence over his outside-the-ring activities as well. For example, Lalonde is forbidden from playing hockey anymore. He recently had to turn down an invitation to play in a North America vs. Sweden celebrity game for charity in Madison Square Garden, which he had played in in the past. While many adults might find such a relationship overly restrictive — Mike Tyson had no such restrictions contractually imposed on him before he recently let manager Bill Cayton know just who works for whom — Lalonde is satisfied. The rebel in him that battled with the Canadian amateur boxing authorities has been quieted as he defers to Wolf.

"It gives me a feeling of security to have him working my corner," Lalonde said. "Our contract runs four years, but I would extend it to the end of my career. I wouldn't consider boxing for anyone else."

Lalonde got an apartment in the West Greenwich Village section of Manhattan after hooking up with New Yorker Wolf. He also has a house in nearby Connecticut. When he's in New York, he trains at the South Queens Boys Club under Tommy Gallagher, whom Wolf selected to replace Teddy Atlas.

"I'd seen him on ESPN and I would have fought him," was Gallagher's first thought on working with Lalonde.

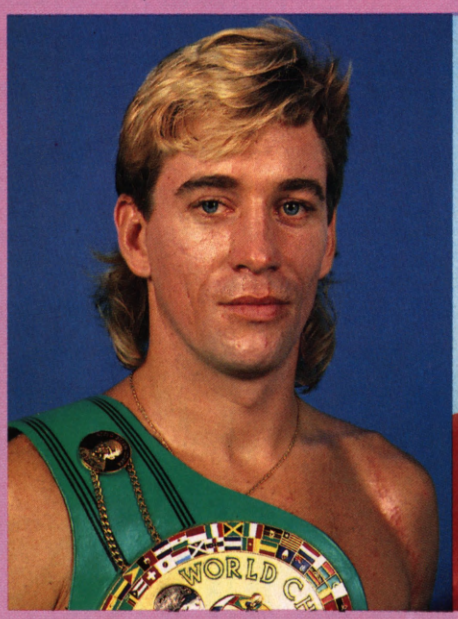
A 1959 New York Golden Gloves champion who never turned pro, the wiry Gallagher has been said to play Art Carney to Wolf's Jackie Gleason. "I was impressed with Donny's punch, but I wasn't impressed with much else. His jab hung out there and he threw his right hand off the wrong foot. But he was so strong he was knocking guys out."

Gallagher had Lalonde fix up his footwork and throw more punches. The improvement was immense.

"Tommy lets me be me," Lalonde said. "He lets me bring out the creative side of my boxing ability."

If that sounds more like the kind of talk you might hear in a Greenwich Village studio than at Gleason's Gym, it fits in well with Lalonde's other interests. He has done commercial mod-

LEONARD vs. LALONDE: WHO WILL WIN?



Donny Lalonde is sure he can derail Sugar Ray's latest comeback.
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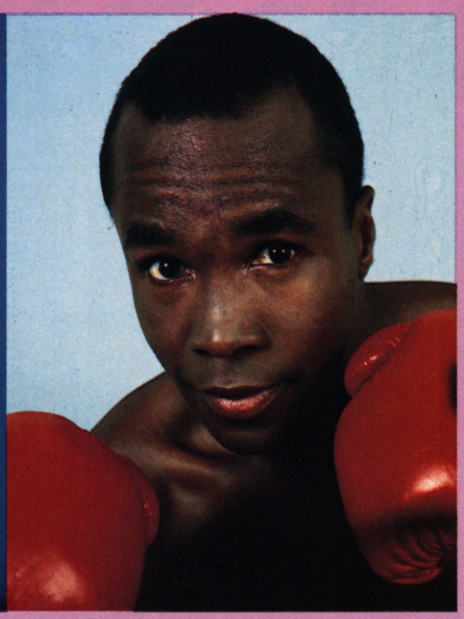


Ray Leonard has the backing of every expert polled by THE RING.
PHOTO BY JACK GOODMAN

Experts who picked against Sugar Ray Leonard have been burned many times in the past. Despite Leonard's long layoff — it's been more than a year since the Hagler fight and he has had a total of two fights in the last five years — and the step up in weight, it's hard to find a boxing man who'll put his money against Sugar Ray.

Larry Merchant, HBO boxing commentator and broadcast partner of Sugar Ray Leonard:

"It's a first-class fighter against a second-class fighter. It's a gimmick fight, but it should be somewhat interesting and it will make a lot of money. What more is there to say?"

Richie Giachetti, long-time trainer of Larry Holmes and other fighters:

"I like Leonard. He's too much of a better fighter. He's got the speed and the endurance. It will win out over Lalonde's power."

Bobby Goodman, matchmaker for

eling and acting, appearing Off-Off-Broadway in a play called "Just Keep Listening."

The move to New York and the association with Wolf and Gallagher have so far been beneficial to Lalonde. His first big fight under the new team was against Mustafa Hamsho in Madison Square Garden in May, 1987, for something called the WBC Continental Americas light heavyweight championship.

"Hamsho tried to reseparate my shoulder again from where it had been repaired," Lalonde claimed. "He would grab my left arm and twist it, trying to break it. I kept telling him, 'No, it's the other arm,' but he knew.

"Hamsho hit me with 'combination fouls,'" Lalonde continued. "He'd throw elbow-low blow combinations and head butt-low blow combinations. It was great. It was the most enjoyable fight I ever had. It was really neat because it was a challenge."

Lalonde was up to the challenge, though, and he whipped the faded Hamsho over 12 rounds.

Half a year later, Lalonde was matched with Eddie Davis in Trinidad for the WBC light heavyweight title vacated by Thomas Hearns. WBC president Jose Sulaiman claimed he went out on a limb to put Lalonde in the fight after being warned by certain boxing people that Lalonde was so inept he would embarrass the WBC.

Lalonde's cornermen got a scare two minutes into the opening round when the fighters' heads collided in a clinch and Lalonde emerged with a cut over his left eye. But it only made Donny fight harder, and with half a minute to go in the round he stopped Davis in his tracks with a left hand, then dropped him with a right to the jaw. Davis got up, but Lalonde hammered him to the canvas once more with a chopping right hand just inside the round-ending bell. The second round proved just a brutal formality as Lalonde knocked Davis cold with a right flush on the jaw.

If the emphatic win over the shopworn Davis failed to convince Lolonde's critics, they got another look when he defended his title in the same Port-of-Spain ring in May of this year against local hero and ex-WBA champion, Leslie "Tiger" Stewart. Stewart cut Lalonde over his left eye with a right hand in the second round. But again Lalonde responded by punching accurately and furiously. He sent Stewart to the canvas with a right to the chin later in the round, then bagged the Tiger for good after scoring another knockdown in Round Five.

The improvement in Lalonde has been dramatic. Boxing purists would probably like to see Lalonde matched up with WBA champion Virgil Hill and IBF champ "Prince" Charles Williams to settle who the real light heavyweight champion is. But right now there doesn't seem to be enough commercial interest in that fight to make it a worthwhile risk for the semi-champions.

A Lalonde-Leonard fight will certainly be commercial. As a benchmark, Lalonde stands to earn more than double what any light heavyweight has ever pulled in for a light heavyweight (or junior light heavyweight) contest. The record is about $1.5 million apiece for Michael Spinks and Dwight Braxton for their 1983 title unification fight. Leonard, as the main attraction, will earn substantially more.

Lalonde called the fight "an opportunity of a lifetime." But until he sees Leonard standing across the ring from him, he'll have his doubts.

"I just hope it happens," Donny said. "I hope Leonard doesn't wake up one morning and say 'My God, I almost made a terrible mistake!'" □

Madison Square Garden:

"Lalonde takes a great shot. He's got a good right hand. He always does the job. It's hard to pick against Leonard, so I'll only say it's a very interesting fight."

Eddie Futch, veteran trainer of many world champions:

"It's not necessarily a good fight. Lalonde has a good right hand, but not much of a left. I can't see him effective against a fighter of Leonard's caliber. I don't think he has the skills or the equipment."

Russell Peltz, promoter:

"I like Leonard by decision. He's got too much talent for Lalonde. Lalonde's a good workman and he's worked hard to get where he is, but I think there's a difference in class and natural ability. I guess I'd be rooting for Leonard if he's going to continue boxing. If Lalonde wins, it will make him a bigger name, which will be good for all light heavyweights."

Alex Wallau, ABC-TV commentator:

"I like Leonard by decision, but as I said the last time he came back against Hagler, it's very difficult not having any form to go on. It's very easy to pick Leonard, and I will pick him, but it's possible for him to have another Kevin Howard-type performance because how inspired can he be for Don Lalonde? He got up for Hagler, but it came together very late for him. It's hard to judge Lalonde's chin because he hasn't had the best competition, but I don't think Leonard is punching that hard anymore."

Michel Gladu, Canadian Correspondent, *The Ring*:

"Leonard by TKO in 10. Leonard is a better boxer and he proved in his win over Marvin Hagler that inactivity in his case is not a negative factor. There's no question Marvin Hagler is a better boxer than Don Lalonde. Leonard's just too good, too fast. Lalonde's only ability is to punch hard. In Winnipeg, they think Lalonde will beat Leonard, but they're making a mistake. The ultimate confrontation will be Leonard against Hearns at light heavyweight."

Phill Marder, Managing Editor, *The Ring*:

"Leonard has been off again for an extended period, he's getting older, slower, rustier, you name it. But an old, rusty, out-of-shape, over-confident Leonard still beats the crap out of Don Lalonde. Leonard knocks him out before the seventh round."

Dave Bontempo, Atlantic City Press/ESPN:

"I like Leonard to win a decision based on his considerable inside speed. Leonard doesn't select a fight to come out of retirement unless in his mind he's got a scouting report edge. He wouldn't want Lalonde unless he perceived a weakness, which I perceive to be Lalonde's lack of speed. Also, coming down to 168 pounds should trouble Lalonde." □

BOXING... COME(S) BACK TO JAMAICA

The Ring Hits The Road In Its Never Ending Search For Sun, Surf And A 15-Round Title Fight

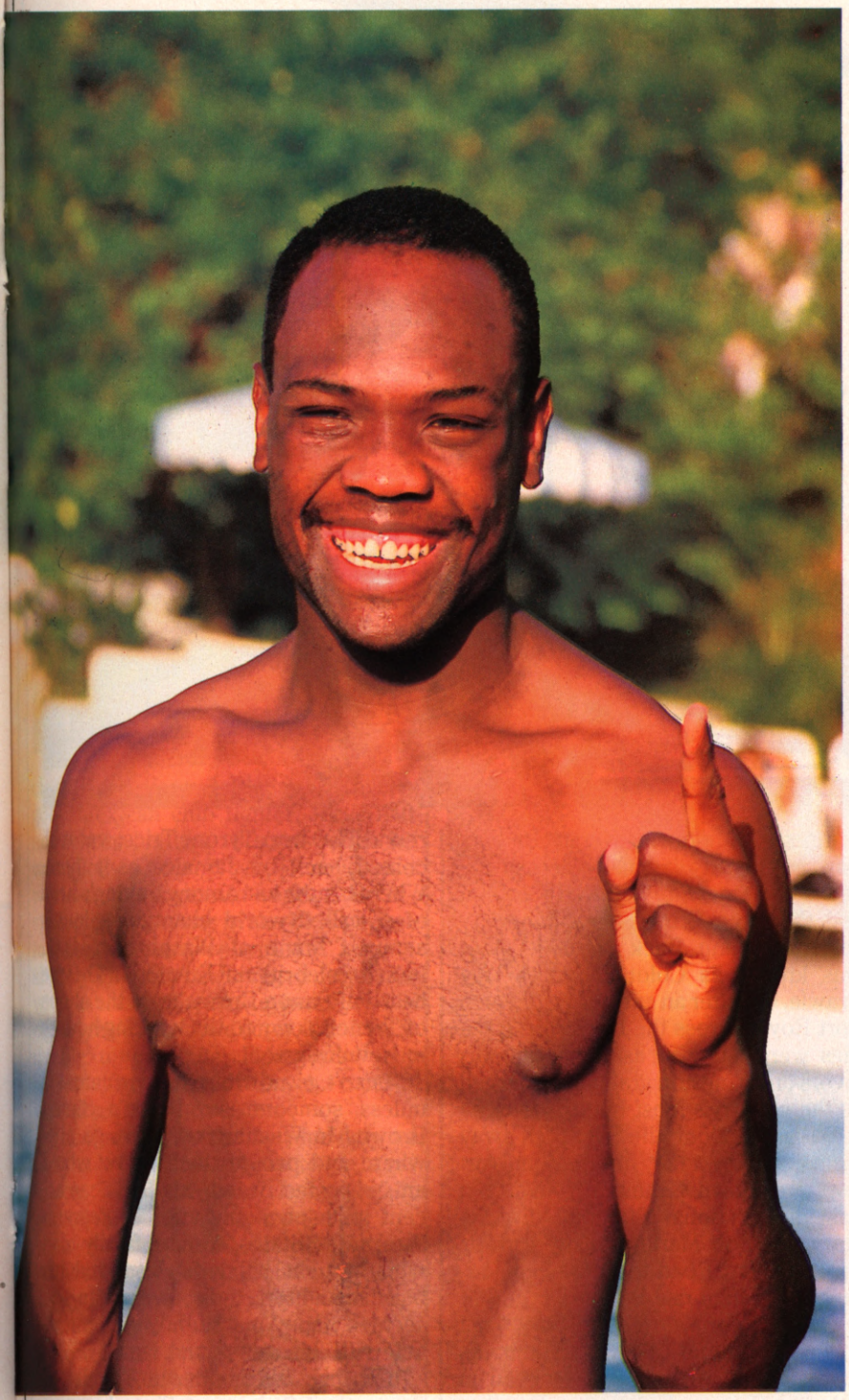
by Nigel Collins

Photos by Bryan Cummings

THE FAMILIAR TOURIST SLOGAN "Come Back to Jamaica" took on new meaning during the second weekend of July. For the first time since 1973, when George Foreman played yo-yo with Smokin' Joe Frazier, boxing's movable feast returned to this exotic locale for a punch party with all the trimmings.

Jamaica is a land of stark contrasts: arguably the most beautiful island in the Caribbean, it is also a nation where dire poverty lies waiting just outside the gates of manicured resorts. From the cool heights of the Blue Mountains to the sun-drenched beaches of Negril, Jamaica beckons like a siren in a turquoise sea. Incredibly lovely, yet tinged with danger, this one-time refuge for the infamous buccaneer Blackbeard casts a spell on all who live or linger on her shores. As the local saying goes, "You can leave Jamaica, but Jamaica never leave you."

World famous for rum, reggae and reefer, Jamaica has also produced an inordinate number of world-class boxers for a country roughly the size of Connecticut. From such legendary locals as Kid Silver and Satan Flynn in the



1930s to the likes of Bunny Grant and Percy Hayles in the 1960s, boxing has always been an important part of Jamaica's sporting culture.

Silver and Flynn, a pair of almost forgotten fistic wizards, thrilled Jamaican fans by the thousands, but never made it off the island. Grant and Hayles fought abroad, but also earned the distinction of becoming the first two Jamaicans to challenge for a world title at home. Both lost after valiant tries. Both, like far too many fighters, met sad fates.

Hayles was killed 10 years ago when a motorist ran over him as he rode his bicycle home one August afternoon. Grant is still living, but needed a benefit card last year to help make ends meet.

Jamaica's latest run of pugilistic prominence began in 1984 when Mike McCallum captured the vacant WBA junior middleweight title from a pudgy Irishman named Sean Mannion. He was followed by Trevor Berbick, who briefly held the WBC portion of the heavyweight crown after lumbering to a decision over Pinklon Thomas in '86. And while current world welterweight champion Lloyd Honeyghan is considered a Brit by most boxing fans, he was, of course, born in Jamaica.

Now comes a boxer who has quietly emerged as possibly the best of the lot — International Boxing Federation welterweight champion Simon Brown.

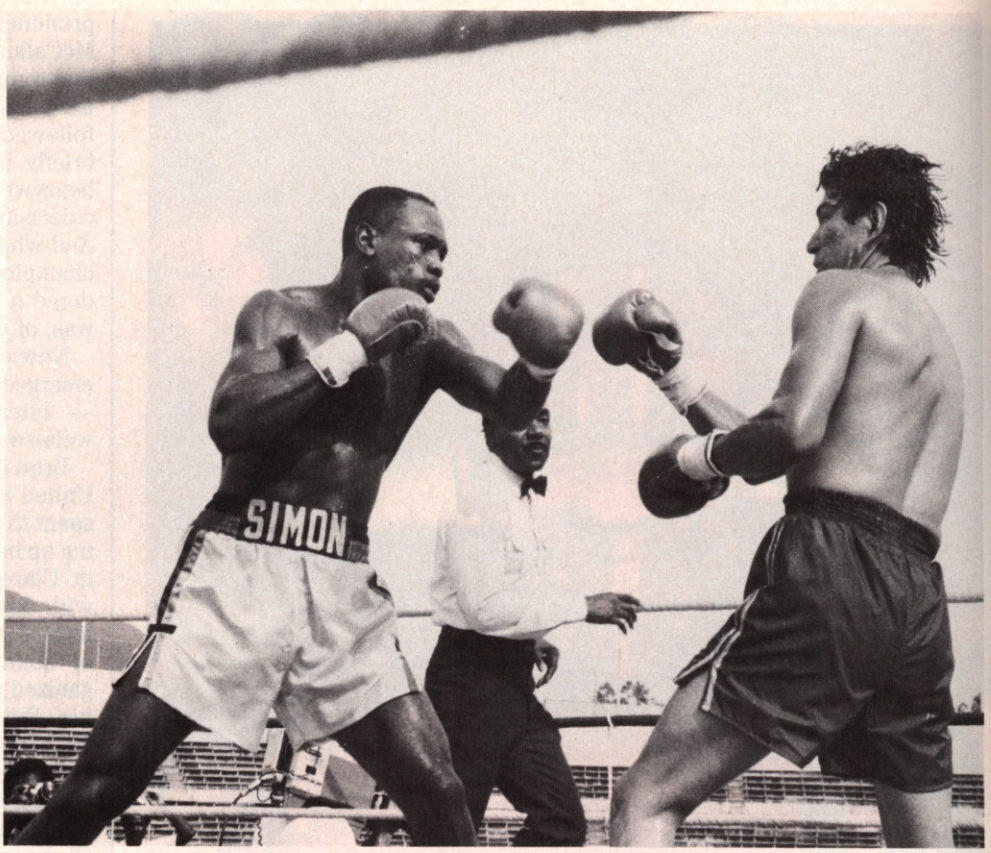
Brown, who immigrated to the United States with his family in 1976, spent the first 13 years of his life growing up in the country village of Victoria in Clarenton Parish. Climbing rocks with his boyhood pals was Simon's idea of sport. He knew little or nothing of boxing, his only exposure to organized athletics was schoolyard cricket. But once settled in Washington, D.C., Brown, like many teenagers of his generation, caught the boxing bug watching Sugar Ray Leonard dance his way to a gold medal at the Montreal Olympics.

When Brown was booked to defend his belt against Jorge Vaca in Kingston, *The Ring* didn't hesitate. Taking the first excuse to come its way since the aforementioned "Sunshine Showdown" between Foreman and Frazier, we hopped Air Jamaica "Lovebird" flight 041 from Philly to Montego Bay.

The tedium of the trip was soothed by a copy of *The Daily Gleaner*, Jamaica's quaintly conservative national newspaper. In the weeks leading up to the fight, *The Gleaner* was a fight publicist's wet dream: Photos of Brown and Vaca being greeted at the airport by representatives of some of the country's leading corporations adorned the front page. There were training camp reports, interviews, press luncheons . . . you name it. And all this attention at the same time Jamaica's premiere track stars were battling for spots on its Olympic squad.

CBS-TV had been on the island for almost two weeks, preparing to beam the fight back home. Jamaica was on the boxing map once again. And if further proof was needed, it was provided when we discovered that Jamaica's flyweight prospect "Shrimpy" Clark adorned the 45-cent postage stamp.

Simon Brown poses pool-side at the Jamaica Pegasus minutes after weighing-in for his title bout with Jorge Vaca.



IBF welterweight champ Simon Brown (left) moves in against challenger Jorge Vaca en route to a third-round knockout. The bout was the first fight televised live from Jamaica since Foreman-Frazier in 1973.

Though television provided a large hunk of the purse, a consortium of five companies (the Cigarette Company of Jamaica, Hedonism II, the Jamaica Tourist Board, Shell and the Wisynco Group) also kicked in big bucks to sponsor the endeavor.

Another ingredient adding flavor to this spicy Caribbean stew was Brown's advisor and stateside promoter, the irrepressible Don Elbaum. Leave it to Don to find a reason to spend a week or two on the beach.

But the man responsible for blending all these diverse elements together was "promoter extraordinaire" Lucien Chen.

One of the West Indies' most flamboyant and durable impresarios, Chen used his considerable influence and charm — not to mention the savvy gained during over 30 years in boxing — to bring the sponsors into the fold. That he managed to pull everything together so quickly in this laid back land of "soon come" has to be considered a minor miracle. But perhaps Chen's most impressive feat was the seemingly never-ending parade of gorgeous Jamaican women he conjured up to serve as hostesses for the occasion. It was "irie" all right.

After a few hours layover in Montego Bay, we jetted diagonally across the island to Kingston, Jamaica's capital and the largest English-speaking city south of Miami. Back in the 1600s, it was known as Colonel Barry's Hog Crawle, but after an earthquake leveled Port Royal across the bay in 1692, the pigs were elbowed aside by the survivors and Kingston gradually emerged as the country's most important city.

We drove along the Palisades away from Norman Manley International Airport and down Mountain View Ave.; past the National Stadium and the statue of Bob Marley; finally turning up Knutsford Road to fight headquarters at the high-rise Pegasus Hotel.

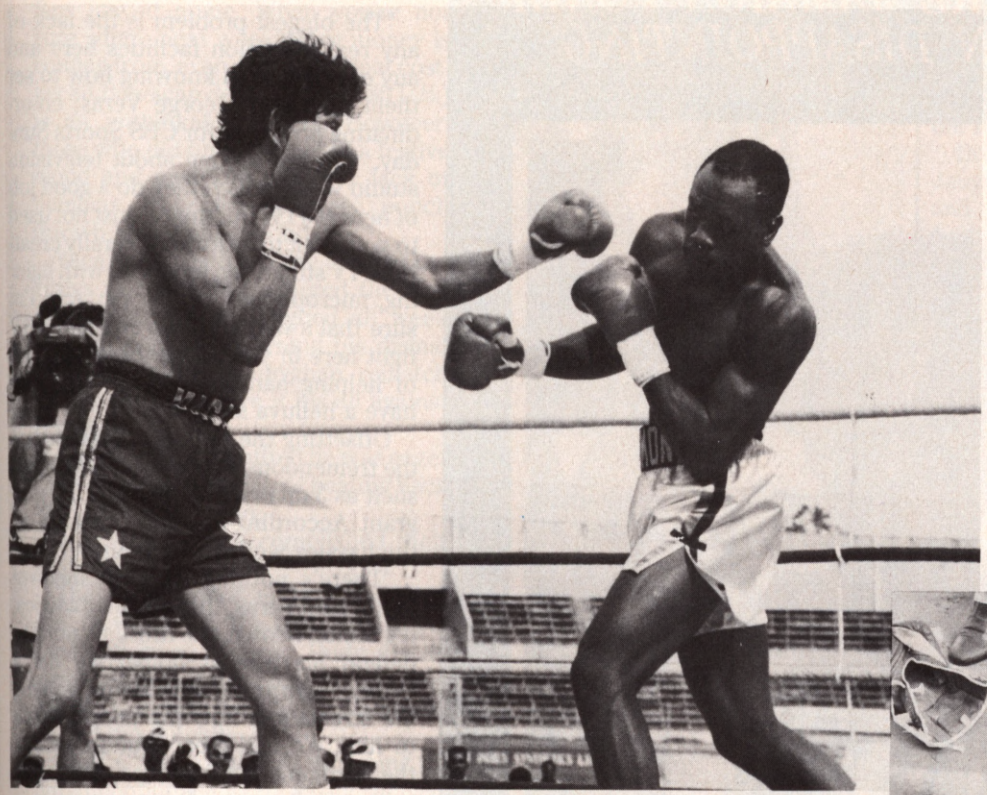
Except for the view of the Caribbean to the south and the Blue Mountains to the north, we might have been in Atlantic City or Las Vegas. Familiar faces such as CBS's Gil Clancy and Tim Ryan were visible in the pool-side restaurant. Also very much in evidence was IBF president Bob Lee, who has apparently found another port of refuge for one of boxing's most endangered species — the 15-round title fight.

Brown, who had come off the canvas to win the IBF title via a grueling 14th-round TKO over Tyrone Trice, was welcomed back by Jamaica as a hero. Whereas he is lost among boxing's herd of so-called world champions in his adopted home of Washington, D.C., he's a celebrity in Kingston. They've heard of Simon Brown from the slums of Trench Town to the banking houses in New Kingston.

"I can't go nowhere here in Jamaica unless someone say, 'That's Simon Brown.' In Washington, I can go anywhere and people don't know who I am," reported Brown, his Jamaican accent still noticeable after 10 years in the United States. A quiet family man who brought his wife, Lisa, and his baby daughter, India, with him, he seemed happy but slightly uncomfortable with his new-found fame.

"Oh, man, it's wonderful. To tell you the truth, it feels great. Since I was an amateur I've always wanted to come to Jamaica to fight, but I've got a job to do. There's a lot of pressure on me fighting here at home in front of everybody. Some people are expecting miracles. Now, I'm the kind of person who is gonna' try and give them a miracle. But if that doesn't happen, I'm just gonna' do the best I can."

Of course, Brown didn't need a mira-



Brown (right) sways away from Vaca's left during their short but brutal encounter. The bout, held at the outdoor National Stadium in Kingston, marked the first time a Jamaican titleholder defended his belt at home.

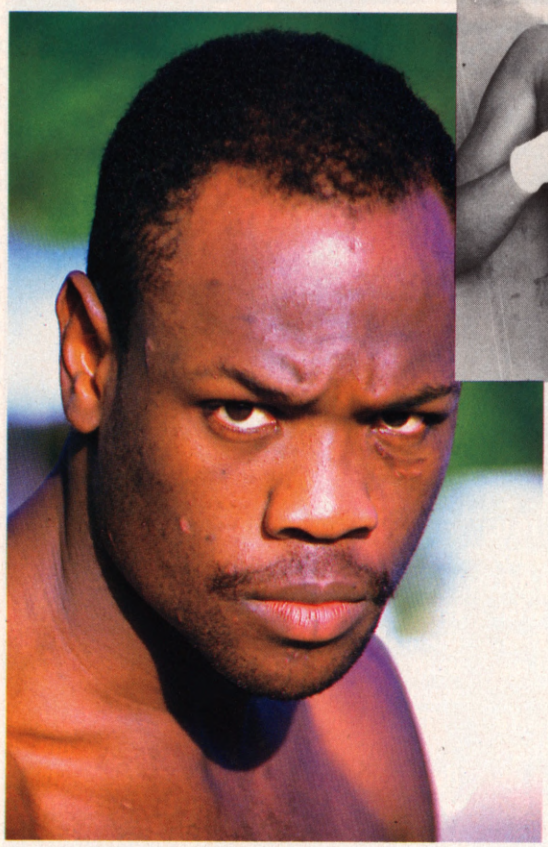
cle to beat Vaca. Little more than a good Mexican club fighter, Jorge had not lost in his last 18 starts when he wrangled a crack at Honeyghan's world title last year in London. He responded by turning in the best performance of his career and was leading slightly on points in a rugged punchout when a clash of heads gashed open his right eye. When the doctor ruled Vaca unable to continue, Honeyghan lost both the fight and his title via a controversial technical decision.

Vaca hung onto the belt for only as long as it took Honeyghan to get a rematch. When the pair clashed again earlier this year, Vaca headed for the shower room after less than three rounds. Honeyghan put him away with a body shot and it was back to Guadalajara for Jorge.

How Vaca, despite his respectable 43-6-1 (38 KOs) record, earned an instant opportunity at the IBF crown is a question better put to Lee and associates. Whatever the case, he seems fortunate to have enjoyed a brief stint at the top.

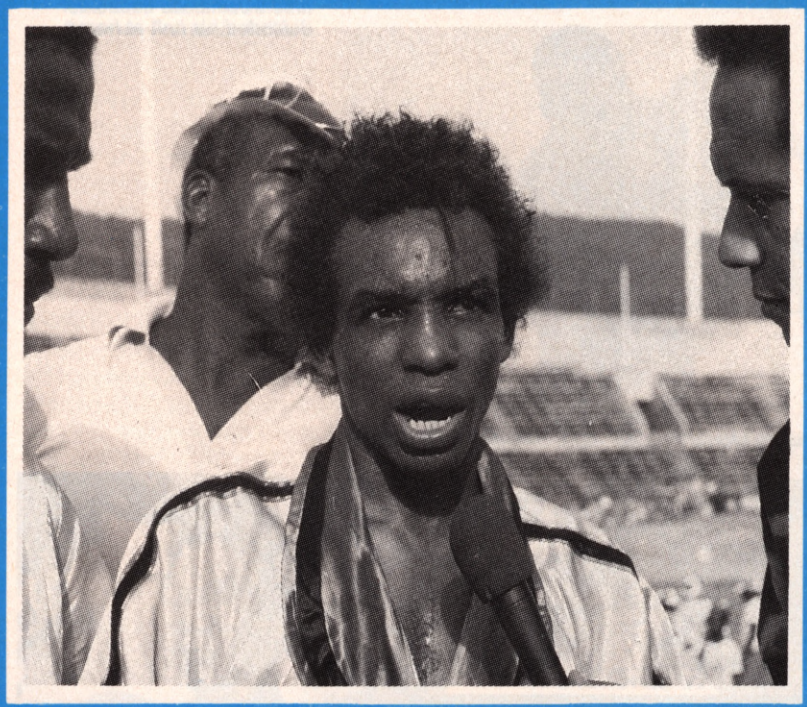
The Foreman-Frazier massacre was a closed-circuit venture, making the Brown-Vaca bout the first time network TV had broadcast a fight live from Jamaica. The production was not without its logistical difficulties.

A battered Vaca struggles to regain consciousness following his six-knockdown beating at the hands of Brown.



Brown, who raised his pro record to 27-1 with 21 KOs, is anxious to prove he is the best welterweight in the world.

"SHRIMPY" CLARKE JAMAICA'S ONLY BRIGHT SPOT ON DISAPPOINTING UNDERCARD



"Shrimpy" Clarke, Jamaica's leading flyweight prospect, is interviewed shortly after his TKO over Abraham Garcia on the Brown-Vaca undercard.

THE UNDERCARD OF THE SIMON Brown-Jorge Vaca IBF title fight, though promising much on paper, failed to live up to expectations. Contributing in one way or another to the dismal situation were cancellations and the fact several of the boxers who did show up were obviously not in prime condition.

The first bout produced some high-class boxing by American lightweight Tracy Spann on the one hand, but a poor showing by Jamaican 135-pound champion Errol West on the other. Southpaw Spann confirmed his 16-0 unbeaten slate with a sparkling display of lead rights and strength-sapping left uppercuts to the body. But West, who works in a local cement factory, showed signs of age, inactivity and unfitness.

West, 40, never lifted an offensive finger and was floored once in the third before the referee stepped in and rescued him at the halfway mark of the round.

Next, a light heavyweight bout scheduled for 10 produced two similarly-looking fat men. The only difference being that one, Jamaica's Michael Dewar, was tall, while the other, Dominican Dario DeAsa, was short.

After two rounds of go-slow inactivity, they almost combined to put the fans to sleep, but not each other. Fortunately, just before the saga neared the end of Round Three, Dewar suddenly exploded with a combination of lefts and rights. The talented, but lazy local, continued his attack in Round Four and dropped DeAsa for a brief count.

The bout, having suddenly come alive to the delight of the fans, was snuffed out when an aged and equally out of condition referee disqualified DeAsa for low blows. While the loser had been warned three times for the same infraction, the blows were not harmful and a point penalty would have been much more appropriate. Both the fans and the fighters were irate as everybody except the referee wanted the bout to continue.

The final preliminary saw Richard "Shrimpy" Clarke, a promising flyweight seeking a title shot, get a TKO win over Vaca's stabelmate, Abraham Garcia, in Round Three. After withstanding Garcia's early assault, Clarke took control and was outboxing and outpunching the Mexican, who suffered a broken tooth and called it quits. (7-16-88)

GILLIE CAMPBELL

"The biggest problem is the lack of any real television facilities here and any experience in knowing how to set them up," said George Veras, co-ordinating producer for CBS Sports Sunday. "I'm not talking about television studio work, which they do a good job of here at JTV. But they're just not used to going out to a site and literally creating a TV studio (on location) with lighting, microphones, drops, etc. And I'm sure that's why they haven't had a TV fight here in years. But there are a lot of helping hands and we're going to have a helluva show."

Offsetting the technical problems is the tremendous atmosphere a location such as Jamaica creates for a TV program. According to Veras, it makes all the hassles well worth while.

"There's nothing like a hometown fight," said Veras. "It's not just Jamaica, it's Simon Brown, the first Jamaican to defend his title at home. We did a Brown feature showing Simon walking the streets and how the people relate to him. We had great footage around the stadium. For instance, little girls selling lollypops. Reggae music is lengendary throughout the world, and these people take great pride in it. The statue of Bob Marley is the opening shot of the show. So you can capture the country, the hometown enthusiasm. If we have the opportunity to do it again, I'd do it in a second."

Jamaica's National Stadium holds a special place in the country's history, both in sports and otherwise. It was there the black, yellow and green flag of independence first replaced the Union Jack in August, 1962. Marley and Stevie Wonder shared the same stage there, as did Sugar Ray Robinson and Muhammad Ali. When Sugar Ray stopped Jimmy Beecham in two rounds back in '65 at a Chen promotion, Ali worked his corner. It can accommodate crowds of over 30,000, but only a fraction of the seats were needed for the estimated 5,000 who came out for the Brown-Vaca match.

"The crowd is going to be a disaster," admitted Chen as he glanced around the outdoor arena about an hour before the first preliminary was scheduled to start. "There are over 20,000 satellite dishes in Jamaica and people can pirate the signal from the States."

While this may have been partly responsible for the disappointing attendance, Jamaica's weak economy was most likely the major reason a lot of

fans stayed home. When you're not sure where next week's rent money is coming from, even a bleacher seat costing 30 Jamaican dollars (about $5 U.S.) is an unthinkable luxury. However, those who did turn up were in a festive mood and made up for their lack of numbers by cheering every punch thrown by a Jamaican boxer.

Vaca, who needed three trips to the scales to make 147, entered the ring first. He had been plagued all week with questions concerning his dismal showing in the Honeyghan rematch and promised to give it his all against Brown.

Brown, 146¼, admitted he was eager to do an even better job of beating Vaca than had Honeyghan.

In a way, both accomplished their goals.

The temperature in the unshaded ring had to be in the high-90s by the time American referee Rudy Battle gave the fighters their final instruction. But at the sound of the bell both boxers moved out quickly.

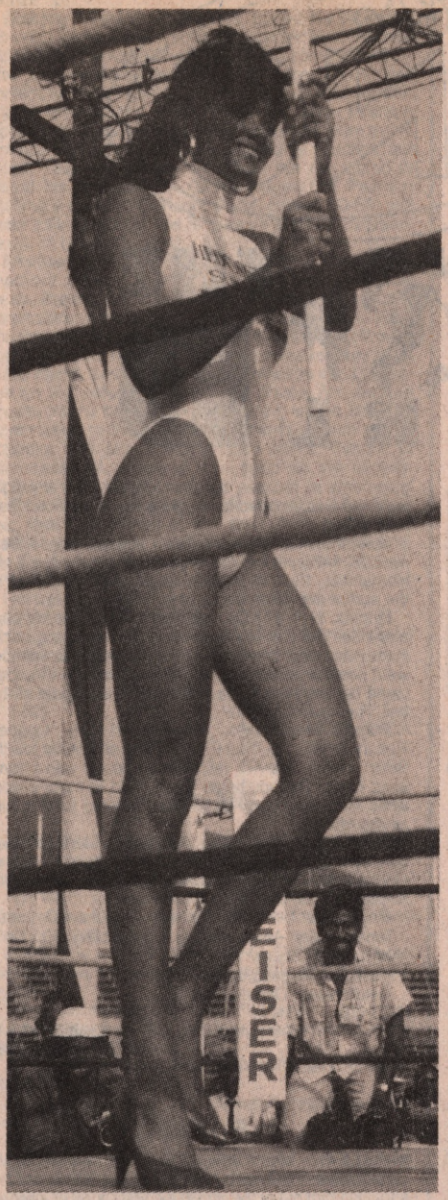
Brown, 26-1 with 20 KOs coming in, oozed confidence as he easily swayed away from Vaca's lunging leads. He seemed completely in control and came close to ending matters early when he floored Vaca with sharp left-rights seconds before the bell.

The rest period did the challenger little good. Brown was all over him in the second, scoring practically at will. Before the brutal session was over, he dropped Vaca four more times. But give the 27-year-old Mexican credit. Unlike his second match with Honeyghan, he refused to surrender. Each time Brown hammered him to the boards, he pulled himself up and faced his tormentor again.

Brown couldn't have been better. He mixed his punches well, digging powerful left hooks to the body and snapping off textbook rights to the head. There was genuine artistry to his work. And Vaca kept charging as straight as the brave bull embroidered on his trunks.

"I was really surprised. I hit him with great right hands and for some reason he would still beat the 10 count. As soon as the referee would say, 'eight-nine,' he would jump back up," said Brown. "When I knocked him down the fourth time, I figured that was it. But the guy got some strength from somewhere and got back up."

The doctor inspected Vaca between the second and third, but allowed him to continue. Maybe he figured the crowd hadn't got its money's worth yet. But he certainly wasn't doing Vaca any favor.



Some of the fantastic scenery to be found in Jamaica.

Brown bided his time early in the third and Vaca tried to take advantage by winging a few hooks in the champ's direction. But by then, the steam was gone and Brown tore back in, bent on finishing the job.

He practically broke Vaca in two with a left hook to the side and then administered the *coup de grace* — another right to the head.

Battle dispensed with the count and called Vaca's handlers into the ring. The bout Chen had christened "Boxing Fury in Jamaica" was all over just two minutes and five seconds into the third round, with all of the fury coming from the fist of the champion.

Brown, accompanied by his wife and daughter, was mobbed by well-wishers and the struggle to make it out of the stadium was far more taxing than the fight. At last, we all shoehorned into a waiting car and drove back to the hotel as onlookers, many of whom had not been able to afford to pay their way into the fight, cheered Jamaica's newest hero most of the way back to the hotel.

"Right now I'm looking to see what (WBA welterweight champ Marlon) Starling and (WBC boss Lloyd) Honeyghan do later this month," said Brown. "Pray to God they both win because I've got to get Starling back 'cause he's the only loss I ever had. And I'm also looking forward to fighting Honeyghan because I wanna show that I'm the best welterweight out here today. And the only way for me to show that is to fight both of them — and beat both of them. Then I'll be the undisputed champion."

Even though the prospect of an all-Jamaican showdown between Brown and Honeyghan has the island's boxing fans salivating in anticipation, it is highly doubtful it could be held there for obvious economic reasons. Nevertheless, I hope it's not another 15 years before boxing brings us back this way again. The hypnotic spell Jamaica casts still lingers. I'll never forget one brief moment which seemed to capture the country's erotic contrasts so perfectly:

As Vaca lay on the scorching canvas, his handlers working feverishly to revive him, an exquisite yellow butterfly flew into the ring and flittered past him. Beauty and violence juxtaposed to create art.

"Yeaman," that's Jamaica for you . . . and boxing. □

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The RING AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

▶**LOS ANGELES—Antonio Esparragoza** survived the body (and groin) attack of Marcos Villasana and retained his world featherweight title with a split decision draw at the Sports Arena.

While Esparragoza, 126, Venezuela, was busy building a points lead through the first half of the fight, Villasana, 126, Acapulco, Mex., was doing his homework downstairs. It nearly paid off for Villasana, who lost in his third bid for a world title.

Judge Rodolfo Hill, Panama, scored it 116-112 for Esparragoza, Dr. James Jen Kin, Huntington Beach, Calif., saw it 116-111, Villasana, and Patricia Jarman, Las Vegas, had it 114-114.

Esparragoza improved to 25-1-4, 24 KOs, in his second successful defense of the title he won on a 12-round knockout of Steve Cruz. Villasana fell to 47-6-3, 40 KOs.

Esparragoza confused Villasana early with his speed and movement. Villasana, trying to slow down his quicker foe with a body attack, continually hit the champion below the belt. Referee Larry Rozadilla warned Villasana at least a half dozen times and docked a point from the challenger in Round Five.

The effects showed on Esparragoza as Villasana rallied through the last six rounds to draw even.

By the 10th, the sting was gone from Esparragoza's punches, although the champ was busier than Villasana. Round 11 was a big one for Villasana as he rocked Esparragoza with a left hook late and had the champ bleeding from a wound above the right eye.

The cut made it tough for Esparragoza to see in the 12th and it was all the champion could do to survive.

Hector Lopez, 128½, Glendale, TKO'd Mauricio Beltran, 129, Tijuana in the ninth of a scheduled 10. A clash of heads in the seventh round opened a gash over Beltran's right eye that prevented him from finishing the fight. Lopez, 12-1, seven knockouts, was ahead on two of the scorecards at the time of the stoppage. Beltran, 25-15-1, 19 KOs, lost a point for hitting Lopez after he'd slipped in the seventh round. Referee Lou Moret.

Rene Arredondo, 141, knocked out Lalo Velasquez, 138, Baldwin Park, at 1:58 of a scheduled 10. Velasquez, 16-4, 11 KOs, down twice in the second round from left hooks, arose to floor Arredondo, 40-4, 35 KOs, with a right. Both landed bombs in the next two rounds. In the fifth, a low blow flattened Velasquez. He was given time to recover, but immediately after the fight resumed was dropped by a right and counted out. Referee Moret.

John Montes, 146½, Anaheim, stopped Miguel Hernandez, 147½, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. Hernandez, 13-4, nine KOs, resigned in his corner at the end of the fourth because of a badly cut lip.

Montes, 37-4, 27 KOs, had Hernandez in trouble several times but the Texan always came slugging back. Hernandez went down in the third from a left and almost went down from another left in the fourth. Hernandez came battling back to have Montes covering up at the bell. Referee Raul Caiz.

Rogelio Montenegro, 135, Mexico City, stopped Roaery Smith, 139, San Diego, at the end of the fourth. Smith, 13-9-1, one KO, retired in his corner with a damaged hand. The southpaw Smith tried to maul inside, while Montenegro, 15-0, 14 KOs, worked hard to win all the rounds.

Alex Garcia, 226, San Fernando, stopped Jack Johnson, 222, Atlanta, at 2:24 of the second round. Garcia improved to 10-0, seven KOs, and Jackson fell to 19-8, six KOs.

Physicians: Bernhart Schwartz & Michael DeLuca.
Timekeepers: Aaron Koslow & John Liechty.
Announcer: Danny Valdivia.
Promoter: Rogelio Robles.
Matchmaker: Obdulio Munoz.
(6-23-88)

JIM McCAY
DEAN LOHUIS

FLORIDA

▶**HIALEAH**—Mauricio Rodriguez recorded his second consecutive knockout by flattening Juan Mendoza and knocking him out of the ring in the first round of a scheduled 10-round affair. Rodriguez, 145½, blasted Mendoza, 139½, with a left hook to the ribs followed by a right cross and a finishing left to the chin. The combination sent Mendoza crashing through the ring ropes and onto the judges' table. The win improved the Cuban-born Rodriguez' record to 32-2, while Mendoza, of Mexico, fell to 21-4. There is talk of a possible bout between Rodriguez, who is ranked by the WBC as the No. 10 super lightweight in the world, and WBC super lightweight champion **Roger Mayweather.**

Luis "Kid" Monzote, 108½, and Jaime Olvera, 109½, battled over five rounds in a spirited contest before Monzote knocked out the Mexican in the sixth frame. Monzote is 18-4; Olvera, 14-4. The fight was scheduled for eight.

Miami's Salim Muhammad kept his unblemished record intact with a six-round unanimous decision win over Francisco Tapia in a return fight. Muhammad, 157½, and Tapia, 162, had previously fought to a no-decision back on April 22. Muhammad's ledger is 7-0, while Tapia slipped to 5-3.

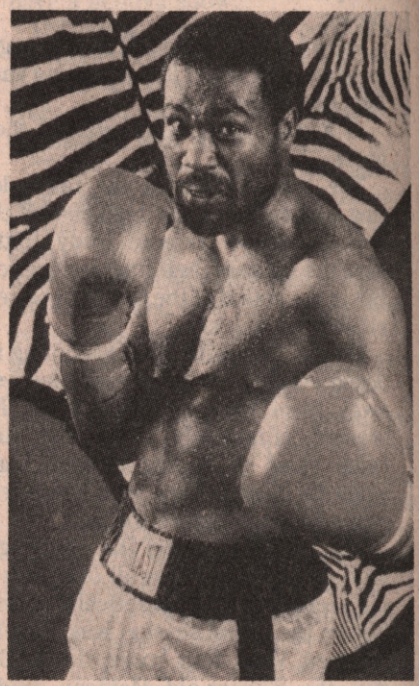
Johnny Lockett, Miami, improved to 11-0-1 with a fifth-round TKO over James Johnson. Both fighters weighed 152 for the scheduled six-rounder. Johnson is now 6-3-1.

Florida featherweight champion Daryl Pinckney, 125, came out on the short end of a split decision against Jorge Romero, 126½. The non-title bout saw each fighter hit the canvas; Pinckney in the second round and Romero in the third. Judge Rick Bays carded Pinckney the winner, 60-54. But Stu Winston saw it 58-56 and Mark Scheckner 57-56 for Romero, who is now 6-1. Pinckney is 10-6-1.

Former kickboxer David McGee made a successful professional boxing debut, scoring a third-round technical knockout of Jose Guzman. McGee, 134, stopped the 130-pound Guzman with a straight right hand to the chin, handing him his second loss in six bouts. Despite McGee's auspicious showing, at age 28 it is difficult to see a lengthy career ahead for him. Scheduled for four.

Rounding out the card were two fighters at opposite poles in terms of age and records. Twenty-one-year-old Carlos Montero, 160, upped his slate to 2-0 with a unanimous decision win over Sylvan Plowright, 158. The 28-year-old Plowright is now 0-2. The bout was a four-rounder.

Promoter: Arena Promotions.
Referees: Ed Eckert & Billy Yoham.
Timekeeper: Sam Guralnick.
Judges: Rick Bays, Stu Winston, Mark Scheckner & Ed Levine.
Physicians: L. Rosello & L. Guerra.



John "The Beast" Mugabi tallied his fourth straight kayo on the comeback trail by stopping Kenny Snow in the fourth round in Tampa.

▶**TAMPA**—The Hyatt Regency—**John "The Beast" Mugabi** fixed his sights on a showdown with Donald Curry after knocking out Kenny "The Blizzard" Snow with a brutal flurry of punches in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

"I'm back; the Beast is back," said a jubilant Mugabi after he demolished the stylish Snow with punishing body shots that floored the Houston-based middleweight three times. Mugabi, now 30-2 (30), entered the ring to the strains of the theme from "2001: A Space Odyssey" and chants of "Beast, Beast, Beast." The fight was Mugabi's first on his "home" turf in three years. The knockout win was his fourth this year after taking off all of 1987.

The fighters mugged with each other during the pre-fight instructions, but Mugabi was all business once the opening bell sounded. Mugabi stalked his prey throughout the first round, but Snow boxed smartly. He moved constantly, slipping punches and blocking others with his gloves and arms, while flicking out quick jabs. Snow smiled at Mugabi and motioned him to "come on." In the second frame, Snow spent most of his time covering up on the ropes while Mugabi flailed away. Snow blocked many punches, but did absorb several heavy left hands and right uppercuts. You could almost count the number of punches Snow threw on the fingers of one hand. Snow was much busier in the third, landing

shots to Mugabi's head and body with almost surgical precision. Snow's defense seemed to frustrate Mugabi, who frequently used his forearm to push his opponent away to gain more punching room. Both fighters fought on after the bell ending Round Three, and each was cautioned by referee Mike Boggs.

Near the midway point of the fourth round, Mugabi jolted Snow backward with a left uppercut, then dropped him to one knee with a crushing right to the body. It was the first time in his career that Snow had been off his feet. Snow later claimed that knockdown was due to a low blow, but the shot appeared to be a legal one to the liver. Snow took an eight-count as Mugabi champed at the bit to pick up where he'd left off. He landed eight to 10 unanswered punches, the last blow a left hook to the body that doubled up Snow. Snow grimaced in pain and slowly got to his feet, just beating the count. Mugabi then battered Snow from pillar to post, ending it with another body shot that dropped Snow in his own corner. The end came at the 2:59 mark via the three-knockdown rule.

Mugabi praised Snow, who is now 27-6 (18). "He came to win and I came to win," he said. "He's a tough, good fighter. I tried to go to uppercuts because he kept his arms in and his gloves up to his head. And when I land a body shot with my punches, you're finished." Snow, 161, agreed, saying, "He's not a great fighter, just a hell of a puncher."

Though victorious, Mugabi looked slow and plodding, a consequence of weighing 163 when he entered the ring. Manager Mickey Duff said Mugabi is a natural junior middleweight (super welterweight) — 154-pound limit — but is fighting as a middleweight because he can get more fights. Trainer Jimmy Williams said the fact Mugabi was making a homecoming may also have affected his performance.

"Today his technique was not there," Williams said. "You heard the people. He gave them what they wanted; he was bombing out there." Duff was pleased with Mugabi's work because "for the first time, I get a response from the corner. He nods and tries to do what he's told. He's also more methodical than ever." Duff plans another tuneup fight in August in hopes of securing a title shot with Curry, the WBC super welterweight champ. Mugabi is ranked No. 1 by the WBC at 154 pounds. Duff said, "Curry's made to measure for John." Lloyd Honeyghan, who is also managed by Duff and was at ringside, stopped Curry to strip him of his world welterweight crown.

The best bout of this five-fight card was a tremendous welterweight clash between former IBF junior welterweight champion **Gary Hinton** and journeyman Dexter Smith. The highlight of this 10-rounder was the fifth round, during which Smith decked Hinton with a seven-punch combination. This fight could have been subtitled, "Upstairs, Downstairs," as Hinton peppered Smith's face with a stinging, piston-like jab, while Smith pummelled Hinton's midsection with combinations. Hinton, 148¾, started to assert himself in the third round, using that very effective jab to set up several hard left hooks to Smith's head. But the gutty Smith, 149, refused to quit, countering with wicked body shots. The crowd was on its feet, roaring in appreciation of the sizzling action. Smith, who began fighting professionally at age 14, constantly pressed Hinton and continued his punishing work to the body in the fifth round. But it was a right hand to the head that started a barrage of punches that dumped Hinton and opened a cut on the corner of his left eye. Once Hinton regained his feet, Smith connected with a dozen unanswered shots before Hinton responded with a flurry of his own. Smith couldn't put his man away, and he tired visibly. Both men traded punches furiously in a great action round. The pace remained ferocious to the end of the fight, but Hinton did just enough to gain an edge in each round as the momentum see-sawed from one fighter to the other and back again. As approving as the crowd was of the intense action inside the ring, it was equally disapproving of the unanimous decision favoring Hinton. Judge Frank Cipriano scored it 98-93; Frank Skilbred had it 96-93; while Derrell Brown saw it 97-95. *The Ring* agreed with Skilbred, albeit many of the rounds went to Hinton by the narrowest of margins. Smith, of Miami, surprised some spectators with his performance, especially in light of his 27-25-3 (17) record coming into the fight. But one of those wins was a first-round knockout of Joe Manley, who in 1986 knocked out Hinton to take away his IBF title. Hinton, of Philadelphia, is now 27-4-2 (10). Neither Hinton nor his trainer, Leon Tabbs, were wholly pleased with Hinton's work. Hinton allowed that he made a mistake by "inviting" Smith inside instead of keeping him away with his jab. And Tabbs said, "I thought he (Hinton) controlled the fight with his jab, but when he got tired he would go into the man and try to tie him up."

Anthony Pearson, Milwaukee, upped his record to 16-1-1 (10) with a unanimous decision win over 34-year-old veteran Sammy Floyd in a spirited six-round affair. After an uneventful first round, Pearson, 160¾, was content to allow Floyd to get off first, then counter with double left hooks to the body and the head. Pearson blocked or eluded most of Floyd's punches, then made him pay for his misses. There was plenty of action, but Floyd, 158, had neither the power nor the speed to defeat his younger foe. All the judges had Pearson pitching a shutout: Cipriano, 60-54; Brown, 60-55; and Peter Valianti, 60-56. *The Ring* saw it at 60-53, Pearson. Floyd, of Louisville, is now 32-19-2.

Middleweight Ralph Smiley, 164, scored a first-round knockout of Miles Prevos, 162½, in a bout scheduled for six. Prevos, 6-4, came out as the aggressor, verbally punctuating every punch he threw with a "SSST, SSST." The problem was that the stoic Smiley picked off most of the shots on his gloves. Just past the midway point of the round, Smiley landed a combination that put Prevos on the defensive. Smiley, of Ithaca, NY, backed Prevos into a neutral corner, scoring with a left-right combination to the head and following up with a right uppercut and two thudding body shots. Prevos, of Jeanerette, LA, slumped in a heap on the canvas. Smiley is now 12-12-1.

In the final bout of the night, middleweight Willie Monroe, Ithaca, improved to 8-1 (four) with a six-round unanimous decision over Greg Taylor, of Alexandria, LA. Taylor fell to 13-9. both fighters weighed 160½.

Promoter: Alessi Promotions.
Referees: Max Parker Jr. & Mike Boggs.
Timekeeper: Billy Herold.
Judges: Derrell Brown, Peter Valianti, Frank Skilbred & Frank Cipriano.
Physicians: G.S. Guggino & Lee Kordosa.
Attendance: 1,400 (est.).
(7-7-88)

KEN KNOX

LOUISIANA

▶**NEW ORLEANS**—The scheduled 12-round main event ended in the fifth, Fort Worth's **Steve Cruz**, 126, winning by TKO over San Antonio's Alfred Rangel, 126.

Fort Worth's Pablo Valdez, 148, was also victorious, winning a six-round decision over Houston's Jerry Stephens, 150.

Another six also went the distance, Fort Worth's Scott Johnson, 146½, decisioning Ricky Randall, 148, New Orleans.

Three four-rounders filled out the card.

Antonio Carter, 138, Bogalusa, decisioned Jerome Spottsville, 140, Marrero.

John Cannon, 194, Slidell, stopped Aaron Greene, 189, New Orleans, in three.

Anthony Stephens, 143, Houston, decisioned Joe Conrad, 137, New Orleans.

Promoter: Jack Gurry.
Referees: Giarusso & Cosina.
Timekeepers: Joe Rando & Johnny Feneck.
Announcer: Bobby Stephens.
Physician: Jerry Rosenberg.
Judges: Sita, Cojoe, Jaubert & Joseph.
(6-14-88)

MARYLAND

▶**GLEN BURNIE**—La Fontaine Bleu—After a two-month hiatus, dinner/boxing returned to the Maryland area offering five four-rounders and one six-round main event.

"Because of the last two postponements at La Fontaine Bleu," said Max Kisner, promoter, "we have lost sight of our main goal which is to promote 'Classic Boxing Entertainment' and not individual boxers. In the past we have tied up our time, resources, and created great stress in properly matching selected local fighters."

It was evident by the excitement exhibited by the sellout crowd of 1,100 fans that professional boxing does have an audience in Maryland.

The main event had Harold Rhodes, 126¼, Jersey City, NJ, win on a split decision over the previously undefeated Flip Johnson, 126½, Washington, DC. Rhodes, coming off a recent victory over Cedric Mingo in Atlantic City, was in full gear, pressing the action for the entire fight. The punches that Johnson landed lacked the power to earn the respect of Rhodes who just kept coming forward.

Johnson, despite being in good shape, had not fought in 14 months. His timing was off and he just couldn't prevent Rhodes from cutting off the ring to get anything going. Meanwhile, Rhodes wouldn't let his opponent out of his sight, honing in on him like radar putting together three- and four-punch combinations.

Said Rhodes after the fight, "His power wasn't that strong. All I had to do was keep the pressure on and it paid off. In the beginning he was tough but I had to take his inspiration away from him. I hurt him with a left hook in the second round."

There were no knockdowns in this action-packed fight. While judges Tom Kelly and Larry Barrett had it 59-55 for Rhodes, Milton Greene saw it nearly the opposite at 58-56 Johnson. Rhodes upped his record to 9-3, while Johnson dropped to 9-1. Ref: Frank Kelly.

Phil Gilberti, 201¾, Rockville, Md., who hadn't fought since April of 1987, was stopped at 1:19 of the second round by Jerry Jones, 205, Hillcrest Heights, Md. Once managed by Lenny Shaw, Gilberti dropped to 7-1, while Jones improved to 5-1. Jones was the taller of the two and his height and reach advantage seemed to bother Gilberti. Switching to southpaw occasionally, Jones was connecting with an accumulation of punches while Gilberti seemed tense and tight and not in the best of fighting shape. A combination of punches topped off by a big leaping right brought the fight to an end. Although Gilberti was still standing, referee Barrett had no alternative but to stop the fight." He was in bad shape and I didn't want him to get hurt by taking another big punch from a big man. He didn't look to be in tip-top shape and his legs were definitely gone," Barrett said.

In another heavyweight bout, Garing Lane, 265, Hillcrest Heights, Md., raised his record to 1-2-1 in a split decision victory over Warren Thompson, 234½, Baltimore, Md., 2-3. Lane, who once weighed 320, wants to get down to a fighting weight of 225. This will no doubt improve his quickness and effectiveness. Scoring: Tom Kelly, 40-36 Lane; Frank Kelly, 39-38 Lane; Barett, 39-38 Thompson. Ref, Milton Greene.

Popular George Pindell, 136 Annapolis, Md., 5-1, won a unanimous decision over Edwin Ruiz, 133½, Jersey City, NJ, in a battle of southpaws. Ruiz, wearing the trunks of stablemate Derrick "Too Sweet" Rolon, lacked the boxing skills of Rolon and provided a stationary target for Pindell, who was landing consistently with the right hook and knocked Ruiz down with it in the second round. Ref: Barrett.

In his pro debut, Calvin Simon, 168½, Washington, DC, won a unanimous decision over Lanzie Morgan 167, Youngstown, OH, 1-1. Ref: Greene.

Stephan Stallings, 1-1-1, 139½, Washington, DC, fought to a draw against Antonio Jackson, 140¼, Rockville, Md., making his pro debut. Scoring: Tom Kelly, 39-37 Stallings; Greene 38-38; Barrett, 38-38. Ref: Frank Kelly.

An added highlight to this evening's entertainment was comedian Mark Bishop from Brooklyn, NY, who performed his Rodney Dangerfield routine before the evening's card. Also, the ever-popular ringcard girl, Leslie "Looking" Glass, provided plenty of excitement between rounds. Not only does she catch the eye of most everyone who is breathing, but I've noticed on more than one occasion boxers catching a glimpse while trying to listen to instructions in their corner. Since winning a contest to become the ring card girl back in August, 1987, when Maryland Showcases first bouts began, her popularity has grown in such proportions that you can see her in November's edition of Playboy, where she is being heralded as the first ring card girl to appear in the magazine.

Promoter: Maryland Showcase (Max Kisner).
Matchmaker: Danny Kisner.
Timekeepers: Izzy Bach & Harry Cecchini.
Announcer: Tony Baldoni.
Judges: Tom Kelly, Frank Kelly, Larry Barrett & Milton Greene.
Attendance: 1,100 (960).
(7-20-88)

FRED BLUMSTEIN

MICHIGAN

▶**DETROIT**—Cobo Arena—The monthly Kronk-Lite Beer-Little Caesar's night at the fights for June reestablished the Kronk/Ringside Productions summer gift to local boxing fans by presenting the first of several free cards to local appreciative boxing fans. This capped off a whirlwind fortnight of professional sports activities in the Motor City that saw the Pistons playing for the championship, the thunderboats on the Detroit River and the seventh annual Detroit Grand Prix. This local card was

in good company and the performance of Kronk luminary **Michael Moorer** maintained the championship quality of this stellar string of events that kicked off the annual Freedom Festival that Detroit shares with her sister city on the Canadian side of the river, Windsor, Ontario.

The big story was Moorer's sixth consecutive win with no losses as the left-hander took a TKO win in two over Lavelle Stanley, 11-4-1, of New Orleans. In his professional career Moorer has only accumulated eight rounds of actual ring time, so efficient is Michael. Emanuel Steward is positioning Moorer for a title shot within 10 pro bouts, a distinct possibility as world class flashes from every shot from this light heavyweight.

Veteran **Mike Tinley**, 20-4-1, of Camden, New Jersey, found new life fighting out of the Steward-Kronk stable with an impressive TKO in the fourth stanza over Joe "Louis" Goodman, 15-5, Mobile, Alabama, who folded like a cheap accordian from Tinley's withering body shots as the 28-year-old middleweight launched his Motown years.

On the undercard, local welterweight favorite from Roseville, Michigan, Andre Thibodeux quickly went to 5-1 with a first-round TKO at 2:23 over hapless Lindell Harris, who dropped to 3-2 as he moseyed back down the Mississippi to New Orleans.

In what was supposed to be an evenly matched (at least on paper!) welterweight bout, two Detroit fighters were supposed to duke it out for a scheduled four-rounder, but Tenacious Timmy Young sent special delivery punch-o-grams to crosstown rival Greg Carter that brought it to a close at 0:40 of the first round. Young goes 4-1 while Carter suffered (and judging by the 20-plus head shots he took after the first knockdown that is the appropriate word for it!) his first loss in four outings.

Windsor Ontario's Robie Robinson never saw the left hook of fellow heavyweight Felix Shorter, 4-3-1, Battle Creek, Michigan, that sent him wandering back to Canada at 3-4 in only 1:55 of the first stanza. Robie bravely got up from the knockdown but couldn't broach the third minute as ref Sam Williams called a halt.

In another crosstown rivalry that featured the pro debut of Harold Williams against Dorrell Van Horn, 5-1, the fans were treated to a tactical upset as Williams took a unanimous decision from judges Cynthia Wrobel & Tom Paruszkiewicz, who gave identical 39/36 scores, with Chip Acey's 38-37 making it unanimous in this four-round middleweight battle.

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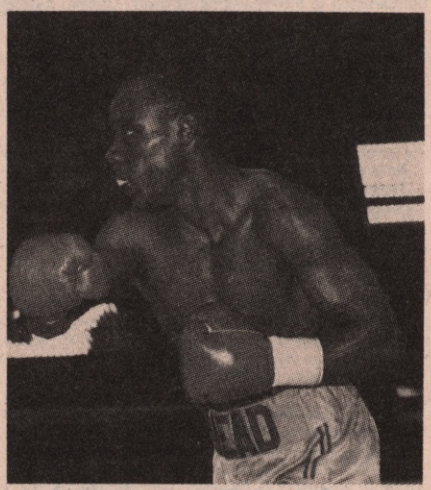
In a bizarre opener that was supposed to highlight the pro debut of Floyd Wells, training and seeking a spot at Kronk, we saw a rare disqualification against Randy Cross, 2-0, St. Louis, Missouri, because of a mouthpiece that disappeared between the first and second rounds. Wells claimed, in an exclusive post-fight interview with this reporter, that the lost mouthpiece was a deliberate effort of the Kronk seconds to sabotage Wells' bout in an effort to teach him a lesson for pounding on Kronk gym welterweights and supposedly embarrassing the established Kronksters in sparring sessions. **Emanuel Steward** rolled his eyes, tched-tched and shook his head at this and told this reporter that they should have let the bout continue, thus seeming to place responsibility on Jim Burch, supervising Athletic Board inspector who instructed Williams to call it a DQ after allowing the three Kronk seconds to search for a mouthpiece prior to the start of the third round. A distraught Wells had to be restrained as he struck out at one of the Kronk seconds after the DQ had been called. Wells said he is seeking representation — too bad the fight wasn't in the ring instead of on the apron.
(6-25-88)



The career of promising bantam Hurley Snead is on the ropes due to eye problems discovered at a recent pre-fight medical check.

▶**STERLING HEIGHTS**—Premier Center—Controversy didn't remain on the riverside as another imbroglio erupted at the monthly ABC Promotions show at the Premier Center as crosstown rival Johnny Ace Smith and Duke Durden found one of their stars **Hurley "Dr. Prescription" Snead** banned from competition minutes before the start of the evening's card Wednesday June 29 during the pre-fight medical check.

Michigan Athletic Commission physician Dr. Alistair McKendrick found that ". . . Snead is virtually blind in the left eye . . he has no peripheral vision to speak of and the cataract on the eye would prevent him from seeing oncoming blows, therefore he doesn't fight . . ." This could bring the steady rise of Snead in the bantam division to a screaching halt although both the promoter and manager stated that they have medical reports from the prestigious Kresge Eye Institute in Detroit attesting to the viability of Snead's vision for the ring.

And yet, in a curbside interview after the fight card when this reporter queried Snead on whether or not he would continue training at the Coleman Young boxing gym, he stated that he might be down to go swimming, but would hold off on heavy training until the matter of his eye problem was rectified or he decided to retire from the ring.

In the truncated card, co-main event boxer Fred "The Tank" Adams took a unanimous, if not popular decision in the featherweight class over Edgar Garcia, who towered over the tenacious Adams, who improved to 15-1-1. Garcia took an 8-3 back with him to El Paso.

The 493 spectators on this warm evening saw transplanted Hoosier Tom "Boom-Boom" Johnson work his magic once again while remaining perfect a dozen wins into his professional career as he took a fourth-round TKO at 1:23 over Antonio Medina, who dropped to 28-5. Johnson's withering body attack, an attack one does not normally associate with the featherweight division, folded Medina like an accordian and air-mailed him back to Alburquerque.

Boyd Gardner, 3-0, Detroit, continues to come on for the ABC stable as he took a unanimous decision in his featherweight bout with Tyrone Williams, who dropped his pro debut. Judges Nafeeya Jami, Frank Barbarich and Herb Ellison gave identical 39-37 cards as did *The Ring* in this impressive display for Gardner.

Lightweight Khalil 'The Sheik' Khalil treated his many Arab-American boxing fans to his second decisive win in as many pro outings with a smashing KO in 1:07 of the first over a flailing Arthur Hall, 0-2, Cincinnati. Hall seemed to want to lead with his face, but not for too long as the Sheik pasted combos on the Ohioan's windmill and showed him the "black lights" after only one minute.

Darrin "The Mongoose" Morris had problems finding a cup to suit up with prior to his bout with Ariel Conde, 9-4. El Paso. But all's well that ends well as the Mongoose evoked a "no mas" from Conde, who couldn't answer the bell for the fifth as the TKO win became the eighth for welterweight Morris.

Jeff "Sweet Ice" Styers, 5-0, Westland Michigan, ran into tough lightweight competition from a determined Oscar Washington, 1-1, Cincinnati, Ohio, who showed determination and savvy as he and Styers wrestled, punched, banged heads and pushed each other in and around referee Tommy Briscoe in this spirited four-rounder that saw *The Ring* scoring a draw. But Styers took the majority win, two of the judges carding 39-38 for Sweet Ice, whose unblemished record spearheads the ABC Promotions plans for two shows in August. One is scheduled for the western suburbs and will provide same night, head-to-head competition to the monthly Kronk show at Cobo Arena. Kronk/Ringside Promotions are giving away their tickets, though.
(6-29-88)

▶**NOTES:** At the monthly Kronk show June 25th, local IBF representative and boxing judge Frank Garza presented the "Round of the Year" award to Detroit's **Willie Edwards** for his work in the first stanza of his challenge of **Bobby Czyz** for the IBF light heavyweight championship February 20, 1987. Garza quoted *The Ring* description of this round as ". . . a ride with nitroglycerin on a bumpy road . . ." Edwards received his engraved plaque to the cheers of the Cobo Arena fans.

TOM PARUSZKIEWICZ

NEVADA

▶**GARDNERVILLE**—Gardnerville Park — Middleweight Karama Leota won his 14th straight, notching his 11th knockout when he blitzed Akron, Ohio's Jerome Kelly in the second of a scheduled 10.

The Samoan, fighting out of Salt Lake City, lost his pro debut, but hasn't lost another. He hurt Kelly in the first round, then floored him for the count in the second with left hooks to the head and body at the 15th Annual Cowpasture Fights.

"He is the **Mike Tyson** of the middleweight division," said Top Rank matchmaker Bruce Trampler. "He's a short, stocky guy who throws bombs. He's a real blaster.

"I will say he's probably one of the most popular fighters we've had on ESPN," added Trampler. "He's got a certain little charisma to get fight fans aroused. He's one of the fighters people call in and ask, 'When is that guy fighting again?'"

Maybe that's because they don't get to see him much when he does fight.

"Hopefully, one of these days he'll be up there among the top middleweights," promoter Mashelle Begovich told Dave Price, sports editor of *The Record Courier*. "He has more stamina than most fighters and his power is unbelievable. Nobody has been able to stand up to him yet."

Leota's cousin, heavyweight Veti Katoa, didn't fare as well, though, as Joe Hipp of Yakima, Washington gained revenge for the lone loss on his 5-1 record with a unanimous, five-round decision over Katoa, who fell to 4-3. In their previous match, Hipp suffered a broken jaw.

Carson City light heavyweight Alberto Gonzalez knocked out Santiago Valdez of Phoenix in the third of a scheduled eight. Gonzalez hurt Valdez with a right to the head in the second round, then dropped him with a left hook underneath. In the third, a flurry of body shots put Valdez down for the count at 1:31. The knockout was the 15th for Gonzalez in a 19-4-2 log.

Reno lightweight Darryl Hayes took a unanimous, five-round decision over Stockton's Richard Garcia, who was cut over the left eye in the second round.

Stockton heavyweight Pedro Cortez didn't waste much time in his pro bow, knocking out Reno's Eddie Jones in just 1:08. A right hand ended the scheduled four.

A scheduled five between Carson City middleweight Rick Jarvis and Denver's J.J. Cotrell was scratched when the Nevada Commission turned thumbs down on Cotrell because of his poor record.

Promoter: Mashelle Begovich.

Referees: Mills Lane, Vic Drakulich & Norm Budden.

Judges: John McSweeny, Keith MacDonald & Doug Tucker.

Attendance: 1,600 (est.).
(7-2-88)

▶**LAS VEGAS**—Showboat—The last time **Engels Pedroza** was in town to work, he picked up a couple of unexpected lessons about his chosen profession. Now Jimmy Montoya, veteran trainer-manager, will be keeping the popular Latin after class until he gets his homework right.

Mike Johnson, debuting locally out of Ann Arbor, Michigan, is a college student who became a solid tutor when he rallied from a second-round knockdown to burst Pedroza's bubble with a ninth-round TKO in what was advertised as a 10-round junior welterweight main event.

Johnson, 22, had only one way to extend his record to 16-1-1, 10 KOs — by a stoppage. Mike got it by dropping the exhausted Pedroza three times in the ninth, prompting referee Carlos Padilla to halt the action at 2:07.

It was the longest journey in Pedroza's 20 months as a pro since coming out of Caracas, Venezuela. Heretofore, the 21-year-old Pedroza had chilled 19 straight rivals, the longest taking five rounds in his next-to-last start May 21 when he erased rugged Felipe Angulo of Miami in five rounds at the 'Boat.

Padilla let the contest get out of hand when he permitted the free-punching Pedroza to land punches on and below the belt line no less than 14 times without serious reprimand. While obviously not deliberate in furious exchanges along the ropes and in corners, Padilla was remiss in his handling of both fighters.

Pedroza, kept the pressure on from the outset, rocking Johnson with jabs, rights, and uppercuts before decking him with a long right and then tripping to the canvas when the boxers' feet became entangled.

Pedroza, with a lumpy left cheek at the finish, made no excuses that he hurt both hands early — the left hand in the second round and the right member in the third. And there was swelling to prove possible impairment in the fists.

Pedroza also dropped Johnson in the fifth round, but the gutsy Michigander survived a 11-punch salvo late in the round to come back and win the sixth.

Pedroza still had a commanding lead on all scorecards — Patricia Jarman and Bill Graham voted 78-71 and Dave Moretti had it 77-73 through eight rounds — but Johnson was suddenly giving as good as he got while exhaustion grabbed his floundering rival. *The Ring* tab had Pedroza 78-73.

Johnson, who was countering smartly late in the eighth round, took a low blow from Pedroza early in the ninth before landing three overhand rights. Johnson then dropped Engels for the first time in his career with a long right hand.

Pedroza seemed to be falling in slow-motion as he landed flat on his back. Johnson then put Pedroza back on the deck with a left and two rights.

Rising only on instinct at "eight," Pedroza could hardly keep his hands up as Johnson smashed him into the ropes with a five-punch combination. Finally when Pedroza sagged to the canvas, Padilla moved in to end the action.

Montoya made no excuses for his charge.

"Engels didn't pace himself. He threw too many punches. It was the experience that got him. We were ready to go 10 rounds, but Johnson paced himself a little better. Hurting his hands, see how they're swollen, didn't help but that's no excuse. Pedroza will profit by this fight and we'll be back."

Johnson, 22-year-old communications student at Washtenaw College, contended, "I didn't think that long right that put Pedroza down the first time was that hard.

"I knew I was behind, but I wasn't worried about those early knockdowns because I could see Pedroza was fading. I treated this fight like it was for a world title. We didn't just beat Pedroza, we knocked him out."

Topping the undercard in an eight-rounder, Lupe Gutierrez, 128, San Jose, Calif., dropped Ramon Rico, 121, Los Angeles, twice en route to a kayo at 2:48 of the first round. Guiterrez lifted his record to 17-1 with 14 KOs while Rico fell to 26-17, 17 KOs.

Joe Rincones, 121, Long Beach, Calif., was a unanimous winner in four rounds over Oscar Lopez, 120, Tucson, Ariz., raising his record to 8-0, seven KOs, while his victim fell to 4-1.

Jeff Mayweather, 132, Las Vegas, made it two straight as a pro with a four-round decision over Ruben McKliss, 132, Fresno, Calif., who fell to 1-2.

Kevin Grantham, 154, Las Vegas, outhustled Ronnie Wiswell, 154, Bakersfield, Calif., in a four-round bout. (6-17-88)

▶**LAS VEGAS**—Showboat—Luis Santana recently taught Graylin Curry five years away from a professional boxing ring is five years too long.

Santana, 154, provided all the traditional Fourth of July fireworks to record a fourth-round TKO in the scheduled 10-round main event.

Referee Richard Steele waved the bout over on the order of Dr. Flip Homansky of the Nevada State Athletic Commission when Curry, 151, couldn't answer the bell for the fifth round.

Whoever convinced the 27-year-old Fort Worth, Texas, middleweight he belonged back in action did a huge disservice to Curry, the public and matchmaker Mel Greb.

Santana, North American Boxing Federation welterweight champion from Hawthorne, Calif., minimized the early aggressiveness of Curry with a torrid body attack to life his record to 34-8-1 with 29 KOs.

Curry, away from Las Vegas rings since March, 1982 when he lost a 10-round decision to Curtis Ramsey, skidded to 11-4, seven KOs.

There were no knockdowns, but it was all downhill for Curry after a clash of heads left him with a slight cut in the corner of his left eye in the first round. Santana has won two in a row since he was upset by Royan Hammond March 12 at the Showboat.

Curry, who made 10 local appearances between 1980-82, is the brother of World Boxing Council super welterweight champion Don Curry and former WBC super lightweight king Bruce Curry.

Saving the card was a torrid 10-round lightweight semi-windup where Marino Ramirez of Tyler, Texas, rebounded from early knockdowns to gain a unanimous victory over tough Mark Fernandez of Denver.

Ramirez, 132¼, improved his record to 11-3, five KOs after being dropped by Fernandez in the second and third rounds although the latter was more of an arm push.

Fernandez, 131½, slipped to 18-5-1 with eight KOs, the turnaround starting in the sixth round when he was dropped by a left hook.

Ironically, both fighters switched stance in the third round — Ramirez turning southpaw while Fernandez became a rightie.

Ramirez locked up the decision in the final round when he dropped Fernandez in the corner with another left hook.

Pat Brennan, 141, Las Vegas, recorded a TKO win over Mario Lopez, 141, Phoenix, Arizona, at 1:51 of the first round, raising his log to 14-4-1 with five KOs. Lopez is now 2-3-2 with two KOs.

Kevin Grantham, 154, Las Vegas, made it three in a row when Gil Valdez, 157, Los Angeles, Calif., couldn't answer the bell for the second round.

Ricky Berroa, 164, Las Vegas, hammered out a four-round verdict over game Ken Johnston, 156¼, Las Vegas.

▶**LAS VEGAS**—Caesars Palace—**Lupe Aquino** made lethargy a thing of the past, turning tiger to pick up a national title and enhancing his position as a still viable force for world honors.

Aquino, 25, former World Boxing Council super welterweight ruler from Santa Paula, Calif., was in against an undefeated rival Top Rank's publicists dubbed **"Destroyin' Royan" Hammond** for the 12-round title bout to fill the vacant North American Boxing Federation super welterweight championship.

Watching by ESPN cable network, a national audience quickly learned the sobriquet for brutality was on the wrong fighter as Aquino dropped the previously undefeated Hammond four times en route to an easy decision in the Strip resort's Sports Pavilion.

Hammond, 26, out of Vellejo, Calif., arrived with a 16-0, seven KOs ledger, having earned the shot with a come-from-behind 10-round non-title decision over NABF welter champion Luis Santana March 12 at the Showboat.

But Aquino, 153, never let his challenger untrack himself, knocking Hammond, 154, down twice in the first round and once each in the fifth and 10th rounds. Such handiwork improved Lupe's credentials to 33-4-1 with 22 KOs.

Abel Sanchez, who trains the former world titleholder, was pleased the way Aquino followed pre-fight strategy.

"In Lupe's last couple of fights, he's had a tendency to relax and sleep. We wanted to get this guy right away and that's what Lupe did, rushing out to take command and never looked back. It was a very impressive victory for a guy who can do it all when he really puts his mind to it."

Aquino's right hand on the first knockdown drove Hammond half way through the ropes and before the round was over another left hook sent Royan off his feet with a cut mouth.

Aquino, who lost the WBC 154-pound diadem last October to Italy's Gianfranco Rosi on a 12-round decision in Perugia, Italy, totally dominated the action, decking Hammond again in the fifth round with five unanswered rights.

There's no faulting Hammond's courage, but he needed a kayo down the stretch to retain his unblemished record. Aquino took no chances, dropping the enemy again in the 10th round with a searing right to the jaw.

The lopsided judging reflected Aquino's runaway triumph. Robert Gonzalez had it 119-110, Patricia Jarman made it 118-103, and Dalby Shirley wrote 115-107. *The Ring's* scoring was 118-103.

"Hammond was tough, but I almost ended it in the first round. The bell saved him. But I knew I had things under control, so I picked my shots. I was hurting him more than by going for a knockout," Aquino said.

"I wanted to meet Rosi again and win the title back, but now that Donald Curry has beaten him for the title, maybe I can get a return and avenge that loss to Curry earlier this year at Genoa, Italy."

Hammond had always respected Aquino, but he conceded the new NABF ruler "was much tougher than I thought he would be."

"I was excited and nervous and went out without my mouthpiece in the first round. Aquino caught me with a good shot and it rang my bell. I had a hard time recovering," Royan admitted.

Heading up the undercard, Akeem Anifowoshe, 116, Las Vegas, moved to 10 straight victories with a unanimous eight-round decision over Jorge Ortega, 115, Los Angeles, who dropped to 9-8, six KOs.

Fabrice Benichou, 120, of Paris, France and now based in Vegas, scored a knockout at the end of the third round when Alberto Contreras, 123, Los Angeles couldn't answer the bell for the fourth round in a scheduled eight-rounder. Benichou improved his ledger to 19-7, while Contreras slid to 16-7, six KOs.

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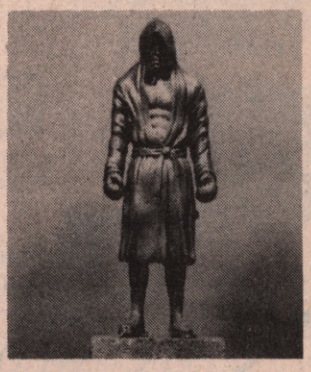

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Timmy Davis, 177, Las Vegas, arrived at 3-2 with a TKO victory over Dusty Dyer, 181, Omaha, Neb., at 2:35 of the fourth round of a scheduled six-round bout.

Eloy Montano, 134, Albuquerque, N.M., won a unanimous four-round decision over Roberto Cantu, 138, Las Vegas, for his sixth straight pro win.

Dave Acosta, 166, El Paso, Tex., turned in a TKO score over John Tunstall, 159, Las Vegas, at 2:35 of the fourth round.

(6-24-88)

JACK WELSH

▶**LAKE TAHOE**—Harrah's—This state added to its ever-growing list of dubious decisions when Reno's **Jesse Lopez** was called a unanimous, 10-round winner over **Robin Blake** of Fort Worth, Texas.

Though Blake was the aggressor throughout and appeared to land the sharper punches, the judges had Lopez a runaway winner, Lillian Runningwolf scoring 97-92, John McSweeney calling it 98-92 and Keith McDonald scoring 97-91. *The Ring* gave Lopez slight margins in the second and 10th rounds and a two-point edge in the fifth, but Blake took the remainder for a 96-93 edge.

Lopez, 142, countered with a left uppercut that hurt Blake in the fifth. A follow-up right sent Blake down with more than half the round remaining. Lopez attacked vigorously, but was not able to hurt Blake again. Lopez, who matched Blake's 142 pounds, did surprisingly little in the sixth, backing away with little offense offered, and didn't increase his workrate much over the final four frames. Blake's best effort came in the eighth round when he knocked out the mouthpiece of Lopez, bloodying Lopez' mouth in the process.

Blake's manager, David Gorman, was less than thrilled with the verdict.

"Robin can beat this guy," said Gorman. "I think he beat him tonight. I think the officiating was very poor. The kid won about three good rounds. Other than that, I don't see how they could give it to him."

Blake, who fell to 31-6 with 21 knockouts, agreed, noting, "I had to chase him the whole fight. I want a rematch with this guy because I don't think he's worthy enough to beat me."

Lopez, 19-1 with 13 KOs, admitted he surprised himself when he knocked down Blake and added, "He came on strong. I was getting a little fatigued."

The winner's corner indicated no desire to fight Blake again, referring to the loser as a stepping stone.

Hayward, California's **Mike Zena,** 133, didn't trust his fate to the judges, stopping **Keith Stevenson,** 133, of Las Vegas in just 1:49 of a scheduled 10. The 20-year-old Zena, 14-0 with eight KOs and one no contest, floored Stevenson twice before the bout was a minute old, the first knockdown coming courtesy of a left uppercut, the second from a right uppercut. After the second knockdown, Zena pinned Stevenson in a corner where he proceeded to pound away with unanswered combinations until referee Mills Lane stopped it. The loss dropped Stevenson to 26-5-1 with 15 knockouts.

Karama Leota, 161, Salt Lake City, was forced to go the eight-round distance by trialhorse southpaw James Waire, 164, Los Angeles, but emerged with a comfortable 79-73 (twice) and 77-75 victory. Leota, 15-1 with 11 KOs, used a strong body attack throughout, while Waire, 22-22-4 with three KOs, seemed intent only on surviving.

David Acosta, 166½, Las Vegas, improved to 6-1 with two KOs by winning a unanimous, six-round decision over Rick Jarvis, 165, Carson City. Acosta received scores of 60-53, 60-54 and 59-54 as Jarvis slipped to 9-3-1 with eight KOs.

Promoter: Top Rank, Inc.
Announcer: Stan Harris.
Timekeepers: Steve Menzel & Jim Carpenter.
Referees: Jay Nady & Mills Lane.
Judges: Doug Tucker, John McSweeney, Keith McDonald & Lillian Runningwolf.
TV: ESPN.

(7-15-88)

NEW JERSEY

▶**ATLANTIC CITY**—Sands Hotel Casino—Two young Texans who'd been state rivals since their amateur days but had never met finally crossed gloves at an unlikely, distant venue. But that wasn't nearly as unusual as the result, which left fans wondering what they'd seen after Edward "Pee Wee" Parker, 129½, Houston, won a unanimous decision over Robert Byrd, 130¾, Dallas, 10. Bringing in an 11-2-1 mark, "Pee Wee" was expected to be just a "good opponent" for "Sugar" Ray Leonard's 16-0 hotshot. Yet the real shock wasn't so much that Parker was able to upset Byrd, but that he did it by outboxing him. "Pee Wee's" best shot might have been to swarm Robert aand degenerate it into a brawl. Instead, he was able to outjab a strangely flightless Byrd in a contest that had fans grumbling for action while being of some interest to the tactically minded.

The bout was fairly close, and very tedious, through the first half as neither contestant was able to establish a game. Byrd occasionally reached Parker, but nonchalanted away his brief advantages. Eventually, it seemed to sink in to "Pee Wee" that Sugar Ray's charge could be disarmed and he took command behind a surprising jab. Robert finally woke up to his predicament late in the bout, but his efforts to close the gap found him unable to get out of his own way. After a strong start in the eighth, Byrd saw his rally fizzle when ref Rudy Battle penalized him for low blows. Similarly, his effort in the ninth fell apart when he suffered a fluke knockdown after spinning off balance from a roundhouse right. Joe Pasquale had 97-92, Phil Newman 98-92 and "Rocky" Castellani 98-90.

The loser's corner left in obvious turmoil over the unplanned outcome. "I was trying to counter him, then plan my punches," Byrd explained. "I just couldn't catch him like I wanted him. It just wasn't me out there." Admonished Leonard, "Yes, he was too defensive. It gets to a point where a fighter doesn't hear what you're saying . . . It's up to him to bounce back. He's gonna' either get better or worse by this."

Tunde Foster, 134½, NYC, took a unanimous decision over Anthony English, 133½, Camden, in a positively excellent eight that more than offset the dullish main event. Action swirled arouind a tightly disciplined boxing match, with Anthony launching the flashier punches, but Tunde exhibiting a notable skill in picking off the shots just shy of his face while constantly pecking away with short, crisp jolts. By the later rounds, Anthony's left eye had closed and he was beginning to unravel. Pasquale voted 78-75, Castellani 78-76 and Newman 79-73. Ref, Ted Pick.

Oscar Ponce, 141¼, Baltimore, finally KO'd stubborn Esau Staley, 142, NYC, at 1:16 of the sixth and final round of a withering battle. Oscar was hurt by a surprise right in the third, but recovered to punish Esau with left hooks, then rock him with a sneak right after the bell. Staley survived a pounding in the fourth only to be shelled by a potent mix to body and head in the sixth. Battle administered a standing eight before Esau was dropped for good.

Randy Kearse, 135¾, NYC, looked sharp, taking apart Cade Johnson, 135¼, Atlantic City, at 1:32 of the second, scheduled four. Johnson was staggered and badly cut when Pick halted it.

Promoters: Josephine Abercrombie & Stan Hoffman (HBA Inc.).
Matchmaker: Ron Katz.
Attendance: 550 (est.).
TV: Bud Sports.
Timekeeper: Justin Bucanico.
Announcer: Ed Derian.

(6-24-88)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY**—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino—The Tyson-Spinks "long weekend" of six cards commenced with what may well have been viewed a finish. The carefully orchestrated rise of popular Vinnie Burgese came crashing down as he was belted out in a rematch with well-worn club brawler John Rafuse. Burgese had stretched his perfect record to 14 against Rafuse in his previous outing. Vinnie won the decision by bobbing, weaving and outspeeding Rafuse in furious exchanging. But John claimed to have taken the fight on short notice and not been up to the withering physical pace. He felt he was stronger than Vinnie and able to outgun him if in peak condition. Burgese didn't intend to give him the opportunity in the rematch, but planned on outboxing the flatfooted slugger. John's plan was more direct and proved the more efficacious.

Action was just as frenzied as in their first meeting. Burgese, 141¼, Phila., moved hands and feet well, generally outhustling Rafuse, 141¼, Malden, Mass. But though he pulled out the stops, Vinnie was unable to stem the advance of the rugged Yank. Though he frequently executed his combinations well, his face wore a worried look. Burgese led on all cards halfway through the scheduled 10, but Rafuse had cornered and punished him enough to take his toll. In the sixth, Vinnie met a withering barrage along the ropes with some effective countering. But when John appeared to take a step back, Burgese attempted a rush for daylight that was met by a roundhouse right that sprawled the favorite on his face. The desperate Vinnie did a credible job of trying to hang on for his life, but was flung around like a rag doll until Tony Orlando came to his rescue at 2:38.

"I never saw the punch," commented the loser. "Even before that happened, I was doing everything I wasn't supposed to do. I was holding him instead of punching and was letting him get off first." Claimed the ecstatic winner, "I knew it was going to happen . . I just stayed busy and wore him down."

A potentially excellent scheduled eight between hot prospect Mark Miller, 145, Cincinnati, and no-quit Joe Summers, 150¾, Salem, NJ, ended in a disappointing technical draw after just 2:50 of the first. Whole fights have seen less action! Summers suffered a viciously cut left eye from a crash of heads at the very outset. Joe tried to overcome the handicap by fighting back desperately in savage action, but the heavy-fisted Miller draped him on the ropes in serious trouble. Ref Steve Smoger moved to administer a standing eight, which could have meant curtains for the distressed Summers, when Dr. Frank Doggett mounted the apron more interested in the cut eye. When Summers was ruled unable to continue, what well may have ended as a TKO was turned into a non-result.

Mike "Honeybee" Williams, 161, NYC, lambasted Ed Priester, 160¼, Phila., but couldn't pull the trigger and had to settle for a unanimous win, six. The worn-looking Priester was thoroughly beaten up and nearly gone in the first, but somehow found just enough to push, punch and club his way through the ordeal. Ed took a standing eight in the final round when Orlando disallowed his protest of a beltline shot followed by a right to the cheek (the illegal one).

Promising Ronnie Hammonds, 145¼, Phila., battled out a unanimous win over returning Joey Ropeno, 144¾, Reading, in a bitterly fought four. A beautiful right cross-left hook combo dropped Joey in the second, but he went the extra mile in sticking it out. Ref, Orlando.

Julio Jimenez, 142¼, Brooklyn ruthlessly wiped out inept Al Sholominsky, 140, Pine Hill, NJ, who was decked twice for a TKO at 2:15 of the first, scheduled four. Ref, Smoger.

Promoters: Josephine Abercombie & Stan Hoffman (HBA Inc.).
Matchmaker: Ron Katz.
Attendance: 800 (est.).
TV: USA Network.
Judges: John Stewart, Frank Brunette & William Kostrub.
Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker.

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J.R. JOWETT

▶**ATLANTIC CITY**—The Sands Hotel-Casino—In the scheduled 12-round main event for the vacant USBA lightweight title, **Fred Pendleton**, 134, Miami via Philadelphia, took the crown by TKO at 0:47 of Round 10 over former WBA lightweight boss **Ras-I-Aluja (formerly Livingstone) Bramble**, 134¾, Passaic, NJ, by way of St. Croix, Virgin Islands. There were no knockdowns.

The end came when referee Tony Orlando halted the bout to have chief ringside physician Dr. Frank B. Doggett take a look at the cut over the right eye of Bramble. Doggett deemed it too severe and ruled the match over; a somewhat unsatisfactory finish.

These two had boxed a draw in April of 1987. And while Pendleton appeared to have his career on the upswing and Bramble on a relative decline, the bout was still anyone's to win with eight rounds gone by.

They both came out of the gate quickly, with Bramble — hands high — stalking a wide-eyed Pendleton. The ex-titleholder, while less animated and slower, did present a well rehearsed discipline. He stuck to his game plan, throwing few outside punches, preferring instead to unleash short rib shots and uppercuts while fighting head-to-head.

Meanwhile, Pendelton was vacillating all over the canvas. A dash of this, a pinch of that, without apparent rhyme or reason. He even reverted back to clowning, an offense that probably cost him a few of his 15 defeats.

Originally, the cut that proved Bramble's eventual undoing came about in the hectic third round. It was unclear how it was opened, being rather inconspicuous at birth, but by the fifth it became obvious to all that it could cause problems.

An early southpaw showdown in the fourth saw Bramble gain the edge over a wavering Freddy, who chose this round to stand inside; the only round he lost on all three cards. By the end of six rounds, he had a four-point lead on one card, but Bramble countered with a four-point advantage on a second card (you figure judging) and a one-point edge on the third.

Even though Pendleton often overshot the mark, the probable turnaround came late in the eighth when he put his foe on the ropes with a smashing right hand. Pumped up, he marched toward Bramble in Round Nine and was met by a fighter who knew his future was in jeopardy. They fired the best exchanges of the afternoon, but Bramble bled freely and it didn't take long into the 10th for the commission to stop it.

After nine rounds, judge Al DeVito had it 87-85 for Pendleton, while Frank J. Cairo saw it 86-85 Bramble. William Kostrub had it 89-82 for the USBA champ. *The Ring* card read 86-86.

With the win, Pendleton will move up to number two IBF challenger. Bramble, off a credible showing, will not be forgotten, according to IBF and USBA boss, Bob Lee. Records: Pendleton is 22-15-3 with 13 KOs, but 10-3-2 in recent years under a steadying management team headed by Ed Gersh. Bramble, 2-1-1 since he lost the WBA title to Rosario, is 26-3-2 overall, with 17 KOs.

In an entertaining eight, Kevin Pompey, 146, Troy, NY, took a hard fought and well earned unanimous decision over a limited but willing David Silva, 148, NYC by way of Caracas. Both landed crisp punches on numerous occasions, but none seemed to contain any dynamite. While Silva had his best moments early with a good body attack, it was Pompey who found his range after two rounds. He mixed his shots well in stinging combinations.

Scores: DeVito, 79-74. Cairo, 80-72, and Kostrub, 79-73, which agreed with *The Ring* card. Referee, Tony Perez. Pompey upped his record to 10-2 with five KOs, and Silva fell to a reported 13-9-1 with four KOs.

Carl "Little Truth" Williams, 176, Milwaukee, looked like a big lie in Round One, but he stubbornly hung in there and won the applause of the fans even though he was TKO'd at 2:08 of the sixth and final round by undefeated (now 9-0, eight KOs) Greg Everett, 174, Newark, NJ.

Williams, 6-1 with five KOs going in, nearly got his head handed to him in the first round before the crowd realized his grit if not his greatness. The harder punching Everett had his hands full in two, three and four with the persistent but wild arm punches of Williams. Greg actually gave ground more often than not.

However, midway into the sixth, Carl got turned around by a wicked salvo, and as he went spinning into the ropes, referee Orlando quickly moved in to stop it.

Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker.
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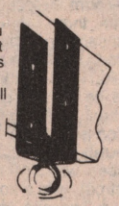

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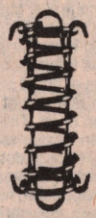

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NEW YORK

▶**NEW YORK CITY**—Madison Square Garden—A five-bout live card preceded the Tyson-Spinks closed circuit show.

Mike McCallum, now on the comeback trail, opened the show with a convincing two-round stoppage of David McCluskey in a scheduled 10. McCallum (168, Brooklyn) showed his usual nasty jab and killer hook; McCluskey (162½, Birmingham, Ala.) was brave enough, but couldn't do a thing. A massive left to the solar plexus sent the Alabamian down late in the second heat; he arose at the count of eight but was in such obvious agony that ref Al Lobianco stopped the bout at 2:24. McCluskey's record is now 12-8-2, six kayoes; McCallum is 33-1, 30 kayoes.

In one helluva terrific fight, creaky old **Saoul Mamby** (144, The Bronx) scored a major upset, defeating young phenom **Glenwood Brown** (144, Plainfield, N.J.) by a 10-round split decision. Brown, who came into the fight with a record of 18-0, 14 kayoes, started the fight by rushing the 41-year-old Mamby around the ring and banging him to the body. He took three of the first four rounds with his high-speed offense, but the wily Mamby was countering well, and by the fifth he seemed to have Brown's number. From then on, the old man started to open up, and Brown started to show his frustration and fatigue. By the eighth, Mamby, who never could punch a lick, was rattling Brown's teeth with every shot and seemed to have him wobbly more than once. The last two rounds were two of the finest rounds ever fought in this ring, with Brown rallying bravely throughout and Mamby counterattacking: the young man's guts against the old man's brains. At the end, Brown appeared nearly ready to go; still, judge Tony Castellano thought he'd won, 5-4-1. Judges Victor Suarez and Barbara Perez both saw it 7-3, Mamby, giving Gramps a record of 39-20-5, 16 kayoes. *The Ring* also had it 7-3, Mamby. Arthur Mercante Jr. refereed.

Michael Dokes (222½, Las Vegas) had no trouble at all with one Andrew Stokes (222, Lafayette, Ind.), stopping him at 2:58 of the first, scheduled 10. Two left hooks to the body had Stokes down for a count of seven midway through the round; a right to the jaw had him down for four; and a left to the body caused him to drop obligingly yet a third time, at which point ref Luis Rivera, although he must have been half-blinded by tears of laughter, decided he'd seen enough. Dokes' record is now 34-1-2, 21 kayoes; Stokes' 12-5-1, seven kayoes.

Roosevelt Walker (151, Newark, N.J.) scored his third win in as many fights, first by kayo, with a surprising one-round victory over James Hackett (149½, The Bronx). Hackett was winning the round when a sweeping left hook put him flat on his face, out cold at 2:43. Walker had shown nothing to indicate that such an ending was possible. The hapless Bronxite is now 0-1-2. Rivera refereed.

In the "walk-in" bout, Joey Winters (189, Smithtown, N.Y.) went to 6-0, three kayoes, when Frank Dupree (200, Jersey City, N.J.) retired after three rounds of a scheduled four. Dupree, now 1-2-2, one kayo, had a slight lead on points after the third, but his right eye was closing fast, and looked like it needed not to be hit anymore. Al LoBianco refereed.

Announcer: Ed Derian.
Timekeeper: Cecilio Pedraja.
Promoter: Madison Square Garden Boxing.
Matchmaker: Bob Goodman.
(6-27-88)

▶**NEW YORK CITY**—Felt Forum—In a shocking upset, the comeback of Lenny LaPaglia (176½, Levittown, N.Y.) was at least temporarily halted by Art Jimmerson (173, St. Louis), who handed LaPaglia a frightful beating, finally stopping him at 1:26 of the sixth in a scheduled 10. Aside from the first round, which LaPaglia won, it was Jimmerson all the way: The Missourian simply used his opponent as a heavy bag from the second to the sixth, while LaPaglia showed no inclination to avoid a single punch. Indeed, he spent more time encouraging Jimmerson to hit him again than he did counterpunching.

By the fifth, LaPaglia's face was a bloody mess and Jimmerson took his attack to the body. A series of rights to the body put LaPaglia down for a count of nine midway through the fifth; he got up fighting, but was soon down again from more body shots, each of them delivered with full force to a completely unprotected target. He took an eight-count the second time.

Early in the sixth, three more right uppercuts to the gut sent LaPaglia sagging through the ropes and onto the apron; ref Fred Ucci quit counting when LaPaglia indicated he couldn't get up. LaPaglia, who threw a minor tantrum as he left the ring, later indicated he was not in the best of training. He's now 31-6, 29 kayoes; Jimmerson is 10-2, six kayoes.

Bobby Joe Young (148, Jersey City, N.J.) improved to 31-6-1, 23 kayoes, with a 10-round decision over Ali Salaam (146, Detroit), who's now 10-5, five kayoes. It was an incredibly dull go, with each fighter occasionally landing something but always too far away from his opponent to press an advantage. Neither man was ever in trouble, save perhaps from the wrath of a disappointed fan or two.

Judge Georgie Colon scored it 6-4, Young; judge Carol Castellano had it 6-3-1, Young; judge Johnny LoBianco had it 7-3, Young, as did *The Ring*. Luis Rivera refereed.

In a fight that saw lots of real blood but little of the figurative variety, Seamus McDonagh (178, Brooklyn) won a unanimous 10-round decision from spoiler Vince Hopper (175½, Detroit). McDonagh sustained a cut near the left eye, and that eye was closed by the final bell; Hopper had a bloody nose, a cut under the right eye and one on top of the head. The fireworks, however, didn't happen. McDonagh was aggressive, but Hopper neutralized many of his attacks. The visitor tried to launch his own offense, but didn't have enough power to disturb the immigrant from County Bftsplk, Lithuania. *The Ring* and judge Danny Whelan had it 7-3, McDonagh; judges Castellano and Colon favored the winner 6-4 and 8-2, respectively. Johnny Colan refereed. McDonagh improved to 13-1-1, nine kayoes; Hopper is 14-4-2, seven kayoes.

In another big surprise, ham-and-egger Richie Otero (132, Brooklyn) scored a third-round clean kayo of projected winner Bernard Gray (132, Boynton Beach, Fla.). Otero was clearly on his way to being outpointed in a dull manner, and was oozing blood from a nasty cut over the left eye, when a sweeping left hook materialized from thin air and knocked Gray deader than a stomped-on cockroach, absolutely motionless and flat on his face from that single punch. He was unconscious for several minutes; the entire house was flabbergasted, but no one so much as Otero, whose record is now 10-7, seven kayoes. Gray is 19-2, 13 kayoes; this was his second straight loss. Jim Santa refereed; the official time was 2:40.

Alex Stewart (220, Brooklyn), stayed perfect at 15-0, 15 kayoes, as Calvin Sherman (249, Franklin, La.) made like Silly Putty, bouncing up-and-down-and-up-and-down from a collection of not-so-convincing punches. The visitor went down a total of three times in the opening round of a scheduled eight, causing ref Ucci to stop the action at 2:32 of that round. Sherman is now 11-4-1 with nine kayoes.

Bobby McCarthy stayed unbeaten at 3-0, two kayoes, with a unanimous four-round nod over Cesar Castro. McCarthy (126½, Cliffside Park, N.J.) was aggressive throughout, but wildness and poor balance marred his performance. Castro (129, Brooklyn) appears to have some talent, but the wrong temperament: A general lack of calm caused him to be outboxed. McCarthy scored a brief but legitimate knockdown in the closing seconds. Judges LoBianco and Colon had it 4-0, McCarthy; judge Whelan had it 3-0-1; *The Ring* scored it 3-1 for the winner. Castro is now 4-2-1, one kayo. Santa refereed.

In a dull four, Eddie Cruz (187, The Bronx) went to 3-0, two kayoes, winning every round on every scorecard from Wendell Everett (183½, Freehold, N.J.), who's now 2-3. Rivera refereed.

Timekeeper: Cecilio Pedraja.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
Promoter: Madison Square Garden Boxing.
Matchmaker: Bob Goodman.
Attendance: 1,385.
(7-14-88)

JOSEPH D'O'BRIAN

OHIO

▶**CLEVELAND**—Nautica In The Flats—An outdoor card here on the banks of the Cuyahoga River was a rousing success, thus ensuring the return of future promotions to this choice venue.

The main event, featuring Mike DeVito, 172, Mentor, and Jamie Howe, 175, Defiance, was billed for the vacant Ohio light heavyweight title. The 12-rounder was very entertaining, featuring constant shifts in momentum. Though many ringsiders saw Howe the winner, DeVito gained a split nod from the judges, Joe Hommett (56-53) and Don Woodland (57-56) scoring for DeVito, while Kathy Terrell had it 56-55, Howe.

In a scheduled eight that was shortened to six due to the threat of rain, Donnell Wingfield, 179, Cleveland, administered a brutal beating to veteran Jerry Harris, 179, Elkhart, Indiana, to win a unanimous decision. Harris was down in the second and again in the third and also took a standing count in the third that saved him from being stopped. Wingfield, a hot prospect, is 13-0.

A scheduled four between Robert Carson, 150, Cleveland, and Robert Briggs, 150, Youngstown, ended in a first-round technical draw. Carson landed a left hook below the belt at the 48-second mark and Briggs claimed he was too hurt to continue after a five-minute rest. The fans weren't too happy with this one.

Govoner Chavers, 175, Canton, needed only 31 seconds to score a TKO over Tim McCurdy, 179, Cincinnati. A right uppercut did the damage to McCurdy, who bobbed when he should have weaved. It was scheduled for four.

Scott DePew, 126, Defiance, registered a first-round knockout over Mark Chambers, 119, Cincinnati. A left hook dropped the awkward Chambers, who stayed down as if his face was glued to the canvas. The end of the scheduled four came at 1:13.

Local lad Gino Calvillo, 149, made a successful debut by stopping Rex McCleave, 144, Ironton, at 2:22 of the fourth and final round. McCleave was tough as nails but had absolutely no hand or foot speed and was picked apart.

Tracy Thomas, 240, Detroit, stopped Robert Loving, 250, Toledo, at 26 seconds of Round Two of a scheduled four. Loving was down once in the first and again in the second when it was waved over.

Promoter: John Giachetti (TKO Productions).
Matchmaker: Mike Acri.
Attendance: 1,200 (est.).
(6-22-88)

ERICH GLIEBE

OKLAHOMA

▶**OKLAHOMA CITY**—North American Boxing Federation super lightweight titleholder **Harold Brazier** returned to action less than a month after his WBC title fight with **Roger Mayweather** to stop Boulder, Colorado's Darrell Bryant, who did not come out for the seventh round.

Brazier worked well to the body while Bryant countered with short rights to the head, but Brazier said, "I know he hit me with some flashy shots early, but I've been working hard on getting a faster start out there. I could feel him give with those body shots and knew I'd get him sooner or later."

Bryant hit the canvas four times before his cornerman kept him seated as Round Seven began.

"Harold was down after the Mayweather fight," said Brazier's manager Pete Susens. "He thought he won the fight, and he did win the fight. It was most important to move on to new business."

The South Bend, Indiana native, who raised his record to 56-8-1 with 41 knockouts concluded, "I'm ready

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to fight as often as possible and against whoever it takes to get Mayweather back in the ring."
(7-5-88)

LOUISIANA

▶**NEW ORLEANS**—UNO Lakefront Arena—Middleweight Paul Whittaker, Metairie, won a unanimous, 10-round decision over Mike Sacchetti to up his record to 22-1.

Whittaker, who weighed 160, seemed staggered in the eighth round, but finished the session with a strong attack. Sacchetti, 16-7, was game, but not much of a match for the victor, who outfought him continuously in inside exchanges.

"Paul is ready to step up now," Whittaker's manager Leslie Bonano told Waddell Summers of *The Times-Picayune*. "I had respect for this guy tonight. He was tougher than I thought he would be."

Whittaker was also surprised, telling Summers, "We didn't think he was as smart as he is. He's a heck of a fighter. He's had five fights already this year."

The six-round opener saw Darrell McGrew, 128, Mobile, Alabama, stop Chalmatte's Giovanni Vaccarella, 128, when the latter failed to answer the bell for the fifth. Vaccarella was dropped in the second round and suffered a bloody nose.

James "Gumbo" Fernandez, 170, New Orleans, won a unanimous decision over Tyrone Hensley, 171, Baton Rouge, after four spirited rounds.

David Collette, 155, Metairie, and Bernard Lawes, 150, Houston, each made his debut, Collette winning at 37 seconds of the second round after Lawes had been down four times.
(6-8-88)

PENNSYLVANIA

▶**PHILADELPHIA**—Blue Horizon—A rarity, a weak card at this sometimes legendary club, was worsened by stifling heat and insufferable cable-TV bumbling. The fighters evidently found it too oppressive to perform with their usual vitality. And the flow of action was non-existent after cable "inoperatives" caused repeated delays, which eventuated in the cancellation of one bout. Despite such flagrant disregard for the paying customers, the savvy local fans exhibited an admirably high "flash point" through it all.

House fighter **Hughie "Buttons" Kearney** was returned off his terrifying destruction at the hands of Jorge Maysonet. Just in case Hughie was still shaking, he was eased back in against no one more scary than "Casper." Veteran road warrior David Taylor brought in a competent 18-8-2 slate against some recognizable opposition. But the quick-handed cutie revealed none of the firepower of a Maysonet in his eight kayoes. Kearney, 149, W. Phila., and Taylor, 148½, Atlanta, started out surprisingly lively for two styles that didn't promise much of a mix. But after three close sessions, Buttons went to the textbook against a "jack-in-the-box" opponent with a lot of movement. Repeatedly banging the right under the ribs, he pinned Taylor's elbows to his sides and effectively took away the visitor's peppery flurries. Action slowed to a grind through the middle rounds before David loosened up a bit in the final two to swipe some of the glory from Hughie's unanimous win after 10. Lynne Carter scored 47-44, Al Morris 47-43 and Woody Marcus 48-45. Ref, Tommy Reid.

Unbeaten prospects remained in step after dual eights, but both had to stumble over controversial endings. The conclusion of Nate Miller's battering of used-up Lionel Byarm was largely academic. Miller, 185, Germantown, seemed eager to show something to critics against a proven local. He clobbered the easy-to-hit, hard-to-hurt Byarm, 189, S. Phila., from the start, dropping him with a left hook in the second. Still, Lionel's prodigious durability could have been a factor had not Reid stopped it at 1:20 of the second, with Lionel hammered and bleeding profusely from a badly split lip. The beef came when Byarm's cornerman, Jimmy Arthur, noticed Nate sporting a ripped glove, which he claimed caused the gash. A protest was lodged with the commission as the loser fell to 12-7-2.

Vaunted Andre "The" Prophet, 182½, N. Phila., had a more pronounced struggle at the hands of David Nalls, 183½, Cleveland. The muscular lefty invaded with a scattered 5-0 record and gave the hero fits with his portside style. David more than held his own through four of a tedious mauler until Prophet took away the southpaw edge by unceremoniously leaning on him and working the body. The tactic appeared effective as Nalls seemed to wilt in the fifth and staggered as he fled with bloody nose from the mugging. Still, no one expected Charlie Sgrillo's abrupt stoppage at 2:54, which whipped up a thunderstorm of boos. The ref defended his action, explaining Nalls had been stopped "because he turned his back on his opponent. My job is to protect the fighter. He left himself unprotected," Sgrillo elaborated. But the winner surprisingly admitted, "I think the referee shouldn't have stopped the fight. I wouldn't mind fighting him again." Nalls was unavailable. He had angrily stomped from the ring.

Dave Tiberi, 162, New Castle, Del., outlasted Manuel Braga Opher, 166, N. Phila., to win a unanimous verdict in a rugged, but unpleasing six. Ref, Sgrillo.

Robert Hightower, 134½, N. Phila., and Phil Carter, 132, W. Phila., fought to a split draw in a good four. The slippery Carter outmaneuvered Hightower early, but Robert put on a strong finish to pull even. Ref, Sgrillo.

Promoter: Peltz Boxing Promotions.
Matchmaker: J. Russell Peltz.
Attendance: 1,003, $12,240.
TV: USA Network.
Timekeeper: Tony Stenza.
Announcer: Hank Kropinski.
(7-14-88)

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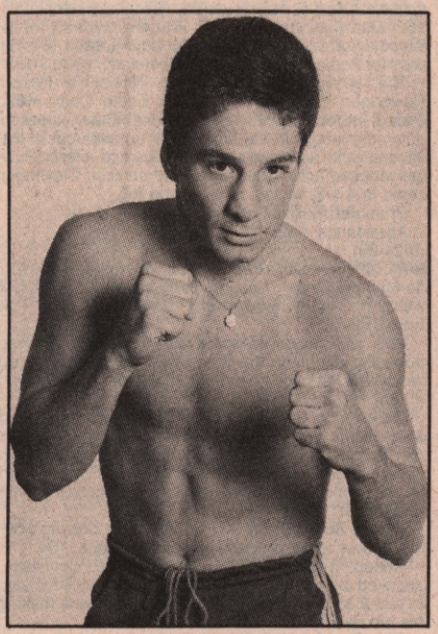

Vinny Pazienza bounced back from his loss to Greg Haugen with a fourth-round kayo over Felix Dubray in Providence.

RHODE ISLAND

▶**PROVIDENCE**—Providence Civic Center—What can we expect next, Larry Bird taking up hockey? Marvin Hagler wearing a toupee? A crowd of boxing fans in Providence booed **Vinny Pazienza**. That's Vinny Pazienza, as in the smallest state's Only Pro Franchise, the ex-IBF lightweight champ making his return. Pazienza, in his first start since losing his title to Greg Haugen last February, knocked out Felix Dubray in the fourth round of their featured bout before the Tyson-Spinks closed circuit telecast. The victory was greeted with sustained booing by perhaps three-quarters of the spectators present in the bastion of Pazmania.

Pazienza earned the catcalls of his faithful because his final flurry lasted one punch too long. Pazienza, 142, had settled down into a punishing body attack that had sapped the strength of the counterpunching Dubray, 140. An overhand right crashed onto Dubray's jaw and he sagged into a corner, with Pazienza following it up immediately with a textbook left hook. Dubray sank slowly, sliding first into the second rope and then down to a sitting position. Meanwhile Pazienza continued throwing punches, missing three or four as the limp figure of Dubray descended. Pazienza's final blow did connect — a solid left hook to the side of the head — but by that time Dubray's head was resting on the bottom rope. When referee Charles Dwyer finally arrived on the scene it was obvious a count wasn't necessary, and the ringside physicians rushed into the ring. Dubray revived quickly and suffered no apparent damage and Pazienza quickly crossed the ring and embraced him, but most of the fans were not mollified.

"It wasn't intentional," Pazienza would say later. "The ref didn't step in and in the heat of battle those things happen. Those people booing never got punched at before. People don't realize it's war in there. He was in there to beat me up, knock me out, and I wasn't gonna' let that happen. This is boxing, it isn't chess. If people got offended by it, I'm sorry."

Dubray and his manager Bruce "the Mouse" Strauss agreed that the final volley, which had occurred at lightning speed, had been nothing unusual.

"It's no excuse," Strauss said. "If Felix Dubray knocked him down, we'd be overzealous too. The big problem was that those body shots slowed us down."

The Pazmanian Devil didn't begin with a body attack, however, as his first round started like a rock video entitled "Right-hand Crazy." Pazienza is now training under Master Seo, the Korean martial arts expert who formerly worked with Larry Holmes and Aaron Pryor, and he appeared fit and trim. Calm he was not, at least at the opening bell when he ran out and began throwing all manner of windmill right hands at Dubray. Dubray, a Sioux Indian from the Black Hills Reservation, is a tall, awkward lefthander who chose to stand up, cover his head with a peek-a-boo defense and counterpunch deliberately. Pazienza's whirlwind start therefore didn't accomplish much until he settled down, found his left hand and noticed Dubray's ribs uncovered.

A pair of crunching left hooks to the body dropped Dubray to his knees late in the first round, but he was up at the count of six. A Pazienza right staggered Dubray at the bell and it seemed that matters would not go much further.

Dubray lasted through the next couple of rounds by backing up and landing counter left crosses.

"Our game plan was to initiate an outside fight," Strauss said later. "Take Vinny into the later rounds and possibly open a cut."

But if Dubray could withstand the Pazienza attack momentarily, he never figured a way to deal with Paz' footwork. Pazienza's quick feet got him in and out with such precision that Dubray seldom landed his counters solidly, and he could never avoid Pazienza's charges. By the third round Dubray's nose was pumping blood and the left hooks were taking their toll. Weakened by the body attack, Dubray was thoroughly befuddled by

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Pazienza's footwork. The fourth round coup-de-grace came as yet another Pazienza rush found Dubray unable to escape, with punches raining upon him like a swarm of angry bees. The knockout came at 1:34.

"That's the best body attack I've seen from Vinny Pazienza," Strauss said. "He hurt us to the body. No question, that derailed us."

Dubray, sporting a discolored right eye and a nick between his eyes, was similarly impressed.

"I wasn't expecting body shots like that," he said at the postfight press conference. "There's a lot of power behind them. I came in looking to go 10, but he was right on top of me."

Dubray fell to 13-2 with the loss, while Paz goes to 24-2 with 19 KOs.

"I wanted to see Vinny Paz under adverse conditions in his first fight back," said Pazienza manager Lou Duva. "We could have gotten him a guy who walks in and Vinny'd knock him out in one or two rounds, but that wouldn't show us anything. I did not want to give him a normal fighter, but an awkward guy like this, a southpaw, to see what he could do against him, check his reflexes. He reacted well, and Seo did a good job training him because the reflexes were all there. Once he got into the body he threw their whole battleplan off."

NBC boxing coordinator Kevin Monaghan was in attendance, hoping to televise Pazienza's next bout.

"We get more letters after a Vinny Pazienza fight than for any other fighter," Monaghan told newsmen. "And most of them are against Vinny. There are a couple of good stories tonight, and those really add to a show. Ferdie Pacheco says that Muhammad Ali was the way he was because he saw Gorgeous George, so Vinny is very smart."

Another factor that didn't sit well with the fans was the nine p.m. scheduled starting time of the Paz bout. The action actually got underway closer to 8:30, so perhaps half of the eventual 6,700 fans had not arrived in time to see the match.

Three preliminaries opened the live card. Pazienza sparring mate Mike Auston, 146, Sunderland, England, made a memorable pro debut, stopping John Gonzales, 143, Springfield, in just 56 seconds.

Providence light heavy Greg Townes, 172, went to 7-0 with a unanimous, six-round decision over Cleveland's Melvin Ricks, 173.

Providence slugger Tony Paisson, 160, survived a first-round battering and came back to stop Cleveland's Harold Kimbro, 161, at 2:16 of the second frame in their scheduled six. Paisson improves to 4-0.

Promoter: Main Events.

Judges: Clark Sammartino, Phil Addison Jr. & William James.

Referee: Charles Dwyer.

Attendance: 6,700.

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TENNESSEE

▶**BRISTOL**—National Guard Armory—Frankie Hines came in late, but left early.

Hines, Lincolnton, North Carolina, was a last-minute sub for Marion Bridges against hometowner Wesley Watson, former Army champion now 9-0 with eight knockouts as a pro. Hines was counted out at 2:53 of the first round of the scheduled 10 when the 6-4, 226-pound Watson floored him, broke his nose and opened a cut.

Hines, 199, fell to a reported 25-14.

In a four-round bout, Lincolnton's BoBo Brooks, 133, started his bout with a backflip before flipping Spartanburg, South Carolina's Robert Woods, 123, with a second-round TKO. Brooks is 10-5, Woods 2-3.

Larry Howell, 183, Charlotte, North Carolina, knocked out Rick James, 210, Marion, North Carolina, at 2:43 of the second round of a scheduled six. Howell is 3-1, James, 8-5.

Newport's Pat Alley, 176, made his pro debut with a popular, unanimous four-round decision over Gastonia, North Carolina's Speedy Brown, 169, who fell to 15-11.

Daryl Pope, Conover, North Carolina, 151, won a split, six-round decision over Eric Rhinehart, Lincolnton, 162, Dan Melton scoring for Rhinehart, 60-55, while Woody Forbush (58-57) and Buddy Russell (60-57) went for Pope. Pope is 2-0 while Rhinehart falls to 3-1.

The scheduled four between Newport's Robert Clevenger, 186, and Charlotte's Eddie Curry, 182, ended inconclusively in the second. Curry knocked down Clevenger in the first round, but was cut in the second by an apparent clash of heads and referee Russell stopped action, declaring a no contest. Clevenger came in 4-1-2, while Curry entered 8-5.

Promoter: Sullivan Promotions.

Attendance: 432.

(6-24-88)

▶**MEMPHIS**—Omni-Daisy Theatre—Hometown favorite **Michael Greer,** 190, improved his record to 33-6-2 with a nine-round stoppage of Union City Ohio's Rick Enis, 192.

Enis was staggered on several occasions, but was pounding Greer on the ropes when Greer staggered him with a left hook, then floored him for the count with a right.

Greer, who hurt the right in the fourth round, told Mike Fleming of *The Commercial Appeal*, "I wanted him to have to throw a lot of punches because I knew he would get tired. He got tired and then I just waited for the chance to take him. I saw my chance in the ninth and took it."

Clemie Buckingham, 137, won a four-round, split decision over fellow-Memphian Semmie Black, 134.

Robert Babcock, 190, Lake Charles, Louisiana, knocked out James Tarver, 192, Fort Smith, Arkansas, in just 2:33 of a scheduled four. Babcock was making his pro debut.

Obie Beard, 141, Jackson, pounded out a four-round, unanimous decision over Bobby Brown, 137, St. Louis.

Covington's Phil Glover, 159, earned a four-round, unanimous decision over Memphian Tommy Jeans, 156.

Promoter: Tom Harmon/Mid South Boxing, Inc.

Matchmaker: Red Fortner.

Announcer: Gilbert Beam.

Judges: Mark Acheson, James Perkins, Haywood Watts & Sam Garland.

Referees: Jim Kidd & Sam Garland.

Timekeeper: Rod Cardone.

Physician: Jeff Hoover.

Attendance: 500 (est.).

(7-5-88)

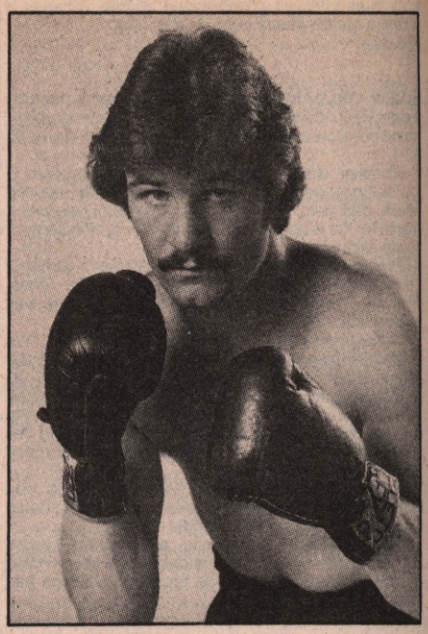
MICHAEL GLENN

TEXAS

▶**DALLAS**—Marriott Market Center—Making his first appearance since being stopped in 40 seconds by **Lloyd Honeyghan, Gene Hatcher** captured a unanimous, 10-round decision over Ron Johnson.

Judges Ken Fewell and Jack Woodruff each scored 100-91, while Steve Crosson had it 99-88 for the former WBA junior welterweight titleholder who improved his record to 28-5 with 20 knockouts. Johnson fell to 21-9-2.

"The guy was tough," Hatcher said of Johnson. "I had to use my head in there and not become open to a hard blow. I beat Johnson convincingly and did exactly what my manager/trainer Papa Joe Barrientes told me to do and that was to use my jab more with follow-up hooks. I blocked punches and moved my head. I want to sustain my career and get back into the picture.



Former WBA junior welterweight champ Gene "Mad Dog" Hatcher resumed his career with a 10-round decision over Ron Johnson in Dallas.

"Honeyghan is the guy I want one more time," Hatcher added. "It was an embarrassing loss because he caught me unexpectedly early. I owe Lloyd a tough fight and now 'The Mad Dog' is now 'The Mad Smart Dog.'"

On the undercard, Anthony "Two Gun" Williams, Dallas welterweight, improved to 4-0 as Melvin Besant, Monroe, Louisiana, failed to come out for Round Three of his pro debut. Williams had a slight edge, but Besant appeared to be landing the heavier punches.

San Antonio lightweight Sergio Sierra won by TKO when Noel Rodriguez of Dallas failed to come out for Round Three. Each was making his pro debut.

Dallas welterweight Ricky Ledesma floored Rodney Byers three times to win a unanimous, four-round decision in his pro bow. Byers dropped to 2-3.

Fort Worth featherweight Robert Garza's second start ended just as his first as he blasted out San Antonio's Miguel Aguirre in the first round. Aguirre was making his pro debut.

Dallas middleweight John Green improved to 5-2 with a six-round decision over Fort Worth's Jose Pacheco, who had a reported record of 6-9. Pacheco floored and hurt Green just before the bout's conclusion.

Promoter: Standing Eight, Inc./Garrett Scanlan.

Matchmaker: Wayne Harrison.

Announcer: Rick DeVinney.

Timekeeper: Robert Beleau.

Judges: Ken Fewell, Gary Snapaka & Jack Woodruff.

Referees: Dick Cole & Steve Crosson.

Physician: Cordell Clark.

TV: HSE Cable, Univision.

Attendance: 1,180 (est.).

(7-16-88)

▶**HOUSTON**—Bingo Wonderland—Veteran southpaw **Manning Galloway** captured the USBA welterweight championship with a majority, 12-round decision over world-ranked defending champion **Rollin Williams** of Phoenix.

The 28-year-old Galloway upped his record to 43-10-1, while Williams dipped to 18-5-1.

"My plan was to use quickness and beat him to the punch," Galloway told Terry Blount of *The Houston Post*. "Williams was a little slow, so I knew I could take him."

Galloway used slick boxing to pile up points. Williams rallied down the stretch, but not enough to pull out the victory, though judge Robert Martin scored 114-114. Judges Randy Ralston and David McCullough had Galloway comfortably ahead, 117-112 each.

Louisiana heavyweight Jeff Williams ended his scheduled eight with Arizona's Lewis Williams with a knockout at 2:34 of the second.

Welterweight Anthony Stephens pushed his log to 8-0 with a unanimous decision over Filiberto Rosas in

a six-rounder between Texans.

Texan welter Mario Lesperance improved to 19-1 with a unanimous, six-round verdict over Uriel Martinez, also of Texas.

Welter Jerry Stephens, Texas, stopped Scott Johnson, Texas, in the second of a scheduled six.

Lightweight Barry Scarborough, Texas, won a unanimous, six-round nod over Mexico's Fransco Pena.

Light heavy Donald Stephens made his pro debut, drawing with fellow-Texan David Graves over four rounds.

Texan lightweights Roy Carrillo and Brian Dorsey also drew in four.

Promoter: Randy Jordan.

Matchmakers: Lauren Pebley & Wayne Harrison.

Judges: Terry Daniels, Lee McCowan & Elias Sanchez.

Referees: Barry Yates & Robert Gonzales.

Timekeepers: Farris & Giffrow.

(7-6-88)

VIRGINIA

▶**WINCHESTER**—Willie Taylor, 137, Virginia, won a unanimous, eight-round decision over North Carolina's David Hamilton, 133, in the main event.

Ken Larson, 153, Maryland, decisioned Stacy Burris, 150, Virginia, over six.

Three four-rounders filled out the card.

Tony White, 141, North Carolina, decisioned Han Kim, 144, Maryland.

Tommy Smith, 221, Virginia, stopped Tyrone Smith, 218, North Carolina in the third.

Troy Jackson, 168, Maryland, stopped Troy Emerson, 169, Wisconsin, in the third.

Promoter: Jim Ed Jones.

Referees: Levy & Green.

Judges: LaPrade, Whitestone & Doggette.

Timekeepers: Hall & Peters.

Physician: Pulizzi.

(6-27-88)

▶**VIRGINIA BEACH**—Pavilion Convention Center—Going more than six rounds for the first time, Oliver McCall, 224, Chicago, swept a onesided decision over David Jaco, 223½, Sarasota, Florida.

McCall, 12-2 with seven KOs, dropped Jaco, 22-13 with 18 knockouts, three times to take scores of 97-92, 98-90 and 98-91.

Jaco went down in the first round, then twice more in the third, the final time with 45 seconds remaining. McCall tried to end it there, failed, and slowed somewhat over the bout's second half. But Jaco was never a threat as McCall remained dominant throughout.

Norfolk prospect Mike Rouse, 231½, ran his record to 11-0 with five knockouts, taking a unanimous, 10-round verdict from veteran trialhorse Bobby Crabtree, 216, Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

Rouse, a 6-5 southpaw, floored Crabtree at the beginning of the second round. Rouse took his time, picked his shots and scored well through the remainder of that frame, but couldn't put Crabtree down again.

Crabtree, 34-15-2 with 30 knockouts, came back strong and landed some effective shots of his own, but Rouse maintained control to take scores of 99-91, 98-92 and 97-92. Crabtree suffered a cut over his right eye in the closing seconds.

Maine's Joe Gamache, 136, continued to impress, stopping Kentucky's Shawn Spinda, 135, in the first round of a scheduled eight.

Maryland's Donnie Parker, 130, decisioned William Reid, 134, Washington, D.C., over six.

Two four-rounders filed out the bill.

Calvin Moody, 154, Portsmouth, decisioned Baby Stokes, 158, Lynchburg.

Ricky Fletcher, 140, Portsmouth, decisioned David Batten, 140, Virginia Beach.

Promoter: Powerhouse.

Referees: Al Rothenberg & Chris Wollesen.

Judges: James Traylor, John Witt & Ernie Green.

Timekeepers: Stanley Gold & Louis Latham.

Physicians: Don Lockmann & Sean Jong.

(6-30-88)

MEXICO

NORTH BAJA CALIFORNIA

▶**MEXICALI**—Mexican featherweight champion Javier "Chango" Marquez won a unanimous decision over Bruno Rabanales in a 10-round non-title bout.

North Baja Californiia state featherweight champion Raul Franco won a unanimous decision over former Mexican featherweight king Mauro "Betillo II" Gutierrez in 10.

Middleweight Ruben Villaman won a four-round technical decision over Rafael "Caballo" Corona.

Bantamweight Pablo Valenzuela decisioned Jose Luis "Topo" Vazquez.

Featherweight Jose Luis "Charol" Herrera outscored Ricardo Ochoa.

Featherweight Felipe Fernandez TKO'd Juan Varela in three.

(5-6-88)

▶**TIJUANA**—Former WBA junior flyweight titleholder **Joey Olivo,** United States, whipped Jose "Gallito" Quirino in 10.

Middleweight Tony Byrd of the United States stopped Marcos Geraldo in four.

Featherweight Ramon Magana TKO'd Jose Fonseca in two.

Bantamweight Victor Mendoza defeated Victor Angulo.

(5-16-88)

▶**TIJUANA**—On the **Juan Jose Estrada/Bernardo Pinango** (see October, '88 *Ring*) undercard, featherweight Jorge "Maromero" Paez KO'd Martin Garcia in six.

Lightweight Ramon Felix chilled Ramon Verdugo in three.

Bantamweight Ramon "Canelito" Arreola decisioned Eduardo Lopez.

(5-28-88)

SOUTH BAJA CALIFORNIA

▶**LA PAZ**—Herminio Delgado decisioned Ramon Verdugo to retain his Mexican lightweight championship.

(5-2-88)

▶**SANTA ROSALIA**—Jorge Gomez demolished Felipe de Jesus in three rounds of a featherweight bout.

Mexican featherweight king Narciso "Chicho" Valenzuela beat "Latigo" Flores.

(4-29-88)

▶**ENSENADA**—Julian "Pato" Benitez upped his record to 19-1 by stopping Roberto Murillo in a welterweight contest.

Lightweight Ramon Marchena destroyed Jesus "Puma" Quinones of Nicaragua in one.

(4-29-88)

▶**LOS CABOS**—Mexican junior welterweight king Rodolfo Batta KO'd Leo Cruz in seven rounds to retain his title.

Javier Varela flattened "Papelero" Cardenas in three, lightweights.

(5-7-88)

CHIAPAS

▶**TAPACHULA**—Sergio "Tapana" Arreola stopped Mario Olmedo in five to win the Mexican welterweight championship.

Javier "Zorrito" Altamirano TKO'd Arturo Bautista in five, welterweights.

Featherweight Tito Morgan KO'd Chuy Pascacio in six.

Bantamweight "Grillo" Sandoval decisioned Bimael Velazquez over six.

(5-1-88)

CHIHUAHUA

▶**JUAREZ CITY**—Welterweight Martin Lopez decisioned Roberto Frias in 10.

(4-29-88)

▶**JUAREZ CITY**—Sulio Sanchez and Ray "Azteca" Morales drew in a 10-round welterweight match.

(5-27-88)

GUERRERO

▶**ACAPULCO**—Bantamweight Ciro Cayetano stopped Emilio Silva in five.

Fernando Santos and Ricardo Murillo drew a 10-round flyweight bout.

Silvestro Mollado TKO'd Javier Aguilar in one, flyweights.

Alfredo Crucillo stopped Manuel Burgoa in four, flyweights.

Flyweight Pablo Villanueva knocked out Celerino Martinez in nine.

(5-13-88)

▶**ACAPULCO**—Felipe "Tiburon" Rojas embalmed Claudio Zavala in one, welterweights.

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David "Diablito" Cruz stopped Ricardo Campos in seven, lightweights.
Bantamweight Max Garcia stopped Hugo Cesar Mena in one.
Bantamweight Toribio Rosas stopped Pepe Rodriguez in one.
(5-20-88)

VERACRUZ

▶**JALAPA**—Featherweight Miguel Gonzalez improved to 30-12 with 26 knockouts by stopping Javier "Torbellino" Vargas in three.
(5-7-88)
▶**MINATITLAN**—Sala de Fiestas—Flyweight Ray "Conejillo" Hernandez KO'd Oscar Moreno in three.
Lightweight Nacho "Tigre" Perdomo KO'd Lalo Maya, in 10.
Bantamweight Goyo "Tuvita" Campos chilled Oswaldo Catalan in four.
Bantamweight "Lobito" Cruz embalmed Renan Fernandez in one.
Bantamweight Christian Lopez decisioned Rocky Guzman over eight.
(5-14-88)
▶**MINATITLAN**—Cinema Las Fuentes—Saul Martinez flattened Pedro de la Cruz in the ninth round of a featherweight bout.
(5-14-88)

Roger Arevalo (left) on his way to stopping Francisco Javier Camacho to retain the Mexican 130-pound title.

Mario Alberto Ku (right) won a controversial technical decision over Jose Damian to retain the Yucatan state flyweight crown.

YUCATAN

▶**MERIDA**—Hard-hitting **Roger Arevalo** stopped Francisco Javier Camacho in eight rounds to retain his Mexican junior lightweight championship.
Mario Alberto Ku TKO'd Jose Damian in 12 rounds to retain his Yucatan state flyweight crown. Several days later, the decision was changed with Ku declared winner by technical decision.
Bantamweight Felipe "Huracan" Gutierrez destroyed Mijailo Hernandez in three.
Featherweight Moises Chi decisioned Zacarias Puc over eight.
(5-21-88)

HIDALGO

▶**ACTOPAN**—Featherweight Alberto Cervantes TKO'd Luis Cruz in four.
(4-16-88)

DURANGO

▶**DURANGO CITY**—Leobardo Mancillas decisioned Francisco "Chico" Rosas in a bantamweight 10.
Former amateur champion Alfredo Ramirez KO'd Angel Gonzalez in the fifth round of a welterweight contest.
Featherweight Angel Aldama chilled Jose "Chivis" Gonzalez in one.
(5-13-88)

FEDERAL DISTRICT

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Naucalpan—Cesar "Zacapu" Martinez TKO'd Raymundo Marin in 11 rounds to capture the vacant Mexican junior featherweight crown.
Flyweight Armando "Jaiba" Salazar chilled Miguel Pina in one.
Ricardo Flores flattened Aragon Perez in one, flyweights.
Juan Gutierrez KO'd Martin Aragon in one, flyweights.
Bantamweight Geronimo de la Cruz stopped Isidro Nolasco in four.
(5-7-88)

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▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Coliseo—Flyweight Antonio "Gato" Flores KO'd Valente Flores in one.
Lightweight Javier "Torbellino" Vargas TKO'd Miguel Morales (Gonzalez) in one.
Flyweight Javier Leon decisioned Noe Santillana in six.
Bantamweight Goyo Vargas made his pro debut knocking out Raul Capitan in two.
Bantamweight Miguel Quintero decisioned Pedro Perez in four.
(5-7-88)
▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Coliseo—Flyweights Jose Luis "Gringa" Zepeda and Emilio Santos drew in 10.
Welterweight Luis Francisco "Papalero" Perez KO'd Ruben Macias in one.
Flyweight Maximiliano Baeza stopped Jose Merino in two.
Bantamweight Martin Gonzalez stopped Benjamin Villanueva in four.
Gregorio Castaneda chilled Martin Reyes in one, flyweights.
(5-14-88)
▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Naucalpan—Bantamweight Efrain Pintor, brother of **Lupe Pintor,** won by disqualification over Victor Manuel Rabanales in four.
Welterweight Luis "Capulin" Garcia stopped Sergio "Dinamita" Hernandez in four.
Lightweight Jose Ulloa decisioned Angel Castillo in six.
Alfonso Salinas decisioned Chris Martinez in a featherweight six.
Bantamweight Victor Rivas outscored Alfonso de Jesus over four.
(5-21-88)
▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Naucalpan—Eduardo "Lalo" Torres halted Fidel Martinez in one, bantamweights.
Flyweight Armando "Jaiba" Salazar KO'd Jorge Samano in seven.
Featherweight Blas Romero stopped Ramiro Buenrestro in three.
Lightweight Juan Hernandez chilled Pedro Lopez in two.
Bantamweight Estaban Rodriguez destroyed Ariel Hernandez in one.
(5-28-88)
▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Coliseo—Flyweights Jose Antonio "Pipino" Perez and Fernando "Mosco" Hernandez drew over 10.
Herminio Hernandez TKO'd Pablo Ramos in two, lightweights.
Featherweight Javiert Pichardo embalmbed Albino Rosas in nine.
Jorge Gonzalez halted Mauricio Sanchez in four, lightweights.
Bantamweights Jose Luis Bueno flattened Jorge Romero in one.
(5-28-88)

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▶**CULIACAN**—Raul Rios KO'd former Mexican junior flyweight champion Luis Fernando "Pringa" Hernandez in seven.
"Pringa's" brother, Victor, stopped Juan Garcia in two, flyweights.
Featherweight Martin Ayala stopped Martin Torres in four.
Lightweight Trinidad Amazco made his pro bow stopping Ramon Soto in three.
Lightweight Antonio "Tono" Armenta stopped Antonio "Tono" Medina in four.
(5-13-88)
▶**CULIACAN**—Lupe Rubio won a unanimous, 10-round decision over former Mexican flyweight king Antonio "Tony" Escobar.
Bantamweight Jose Zazueta KO'd Juan Diego Perez in three.

SONORA

▶**GUAIMAS**—Featherweight Jorge "Cocas" Ramirez chilled Martin Torres in seven.
(5-7-88)
▶**SAN LUIS RIO COLORADO**—Julian "Pato" Benitez KO'd Oscar "Ringo" Vega in two, welterweights.
(4-15-88)

TAMAULIPAS

▶**REYNOSA**—Ramon Nunez TKO'd Freddy Santos in three, welterweights.
(5-7-88)

▶**NOTES:** The current Mexican champions are: Heavyweight — Mauricio Villegas; Light Heavyweight — Isais Lucero; Middleweight — Francisco Carballo; Welterweight — Sergio Arreola Jr.; Welterweight — Rodolfo Batta; Lightweight — Herminio Delgado Jr.; Lightweight — Roger Arevalo; Featherweight — Javier Marquez; Jr. Featherweight — Cesar Martinez; Bantamweight — Fernando Morales; Jr. Bantamweight — Armando Castro; Flyweight — Willy Salazar; Jr. Flyweight — Humberto Gonzalez.

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▶**SAN JUAN**—Sands Hotel & Casino—Lightweight **John John Molina** scored a four-round win over veteran **Rafael Solis** in a scheduled 10.

Solis was disqualified for intentional fouls with Molina ahead by the proverbial mile. Molina's manager, **Lou Duva**, protested strongly the continuous fouls by Solis, prompting his disqualification. Solis was suspended by the local commission and should consider permanently retiring from the ring.

In another 10, featherweight Tommy Valoy entered the ring a heavy favorite against New York's Chris Diaz, but Diaz surprised with a convincing eight-round knockout. Valoy, who lost a title shot to **Louie Espinoza**, was shooting for another. But after the loss, he announced he was retiring. Rated No. 6 by the WBA, Valoy's decision came as a complete surprise to many.

"I was not given time to prepare for this fight," said Valoy. "And to top it all, I am not getting enough action in the ring."

A true statement by Valoy, but one that fits 100s of boxers who find fights few and far between.

A third 10 saw lightweight prospect Fernando Maldonado return to winning form by scoring a four-round KO over Angel Garcia. Maldonado's only loss was to Molina in his last previous start.

In a fourth 10, middleweight Carlos Cano Betancourt returned to action after an extended leave by scoring a decision over Dominican Pablo Baez.

The remainder of the bouts were scheduled for four rounds each.

Walter Onasis Rivera scored a two-round KO over Luis Ortiz.

Lightweight Wilfredo Rivera decisioned Agustin Silva.

Featherweight Jose Rodriguez outpointed Carlos Rivera.

Flyweight Wilfredo Vargas KO'd Daniel Jiminez in three.

Lightweights Samuel Santiago and Juan Rivera drew.
(6-6-88)

▶**SAN JUAN**—Sands Hotel & Casino—Light heavyweight prospect Freddy Delgado returned to Puerto Rico after campaigning in Miami to continue his knockout streak by stopping Hilliard Edmonds in five.

Delgado had to come from behind to take this one. He had little style, but plenty of power.

Flyweight Juan Carazo took one step closer to a title match by scoring a six-round KO over Vincente Arias of the Dominican Republic.

In a featherweight eight, Orlando Fernandez polished off Mario Cordero in two.

Flyweights Jose L de Jesus and Miguel Santos drew.

Lightweight Johnny Rivera won a unanimous decision over Carlos H. Rivera.
(5-13-88)

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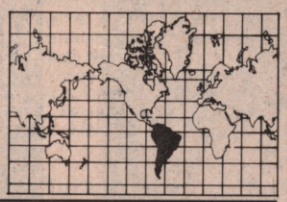

SOUTH AMERICA

COLOMBIA

▶**BARRANQUILLA**—La Campana Restaurant — Jose Bermudez, Colombian champion from Cartagena and unbeaten in 17 fights, knocked out Simon Ramos in the third round of a welterweight clash.

Ramos was a substitute for Mateo Valdes in the scheduled 10. Referee Luis Estrada stopped the match with Bermudez ahead at the time.

Lightweight Manuel Salas, also undefeated, knocked out Libardo Herrera in the first round.

In the openers, Orlando Marimon finished Luis Herrera in the third round and Genaro Manjarrees upped his mark to 3-0 with a win over Javier Reyes, flyweights.
(6-10-88)

▶**CARTAGENA**—Coldeportes Coliseum—Julio Coronell made his record 4-0 with four knockouts when he KO'd Cartagena's Luis Salazar in the second round of a flyweight bout.

Sincelejo bantamweight Jose Melendez outpointed Cartagena's Robinson Garcia over six rounds.

Cartagena lightweight Juan De Avila stopped Angel Franco in two rounds.

Attendance: 200.
(6-17-88)

▶**RIOHACHA**—Coliseo Cubierto — Barranquilla's Eder Gonzalez retained his Colombian welterweight championship when he KO'd local Jesus Vega at 2:42 of the fifth round of a scheduled 10.

Flyweight Genaro Manjarres of Santa Marta knocked out Jorge Hurtado in three.

Local welterweight Edinson Martinez won when Edilberto Villarreal was disqualified in the third round.

Welterweight Ismael de Avila decisioned Javier Reyes in four.

Referees: Carlos Hernandez & Enrique Ferreira.
(6-18-88)

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GUYANA

▶**GEORGETOWN**—National Park—An accidental clash of heads between Guyana's lightweight champion Michael Benjamin, 138, and the Dominican Republic's Jose Torres, 140, brought a premature and disappointing end to their scheduled 10-rounder in the middle of the first round.

The bout started well with Torres jabbing effectively while sidestepping and hooking to the body whenever Benjamin slipped his punches and moved inside. Suddenly, Torres slumped to the floor and appeared to be off-balance and dazed as he got to his feet and fought on as ordered by the referee.

Torres never regained his composure and was subsequently knocked down on two more occasions by solid punches from Benjamin before the referee called a halt midway through the session.

A study of the video tape of the round showed clearly that a clash of heads caused Torres to go down the way he did the first time, but Benjamin's record improved to 14-1 with 10 knockouts.

Joseph Murray, 121, added another KO to his record when his eight-round contest with Andy Williams, 120, was stopped in the third with Williams all but out on his feet. Murray is 7-0 with five KOs.

Linden Harris, 137, brawled and bulled his way out of the ring and into the hospital during his eight-round encounter with Gary Richardson, 132. In the fifth frame, Harris, trailing on points, made a wild rush at his opponent and both toppled over the top rope. Richardson hustled back into the ring, while Harris toppled from the apron to the tarmack. Harris complained of head pains and was eventually sent to the hospital. No one can yet fathom the Boxing Board's decision to call the bout abandoned.

Carlton Griffith, 124, registered his second win in two bouts when he fought a bruising, but intelligent battle to take a split, six-round decision from Wayne Coates, 119. Coates is 1-9-2.

Southpaw Leon Harris, 155, won his pro debut against Clifford Jones, 161. Harris took a unanimous, four-round decision as Jones slipped to 3-9.

Promoter: People Syndicate Promotions.
Physician: Max Hanoman.
Timekeeper: John Quail.
Referees: Humber Green, Harold Duncan, Joseph Fernandes, Eion Jardine & Bertrand Adams.
Judges: Wayne Bacon, Joseph Fernandes, Eion Jardine, Humber Green, Trevor Arno, Andrew Thorne, Ulric Busby & Harold Duncan.
(6-5-88)

▶**GEORGETOWN**—National Park—Originally scheduled for May 29, this card finally came off June 4 minus its main supporting bout between Jeff Roberts and Raul Frank, which was billed as an eliminator, the winner to meet Michael Benjamin for his lightweight title.

Roberts submitted two medical certificates late on the day of the fight that showed he was suffering from severe influenza. Roberts was suspended six months by the Guyana Boxing Board of Control, which also ordered him to repay the promoter $2,600 which he received in advance.

The main event saw Barry Cambridge retain his junior welterweight crown with a convincing, eight-round stoppage of No. 1 contender Marcelle Daniels.

The bout was fought in close quarters with Daniels looking good at first with speedy combos. But those were slowly and effectively nullified by Cambridge, whose more accurate and well-timed punches eventually destroyed the challenger. By the eighth frame, Daniels, who matched Cambridge's 139 pounds, was absorbing severe punishment, bleeding from his nose and mouth and sporting a swollen left eye. Referee Eion Jardine stepped in and called it a day, with Cambridge leading comfortably 70-63 (twice) and 70-64.

Cambridge is 13-1-1 with nine KOs, while Daniels sinks to 8-4 with four KOs.

Linden "Buckman" Mortley, 134½, came from behind to gain a split, 10-round decision over Fitzroy Davidson, 127, in a lively bout that lifted Mortley to 8-2 as Davidson fell to 11-13.

In the opening 10, Winston Goodridge, 117, gave away four pounds in weight and six inches in height, but gave a boxing lesson to Linden Profitt, outfoxing, outboxing and outpunching him throughout. But Goodridge had to settle for a ridiculous draw as Jardine scored 96-96 and Harold Duncan voted 96-95 for Profitt. Ulric Busby called it 97-94, Goodridge, which still wasn't close to *The Ring* card, which had Goodridge winning 100-91! Goodridge is 4-7-1, Profitt, 2-2-1.

Promoter: Jack Promotions.
Physician: Max Hanoman.
Timekeeper: John Quail.
Referees: Humber Green, Harold Duncan, Bertrand Adams & Eion Jardine.
Judges: Harold Duncan, Ulric Busby, Eion Jardine, Bertrand Adams, Joseph Fernandes & Andrew Thorne.
(6-4-88)

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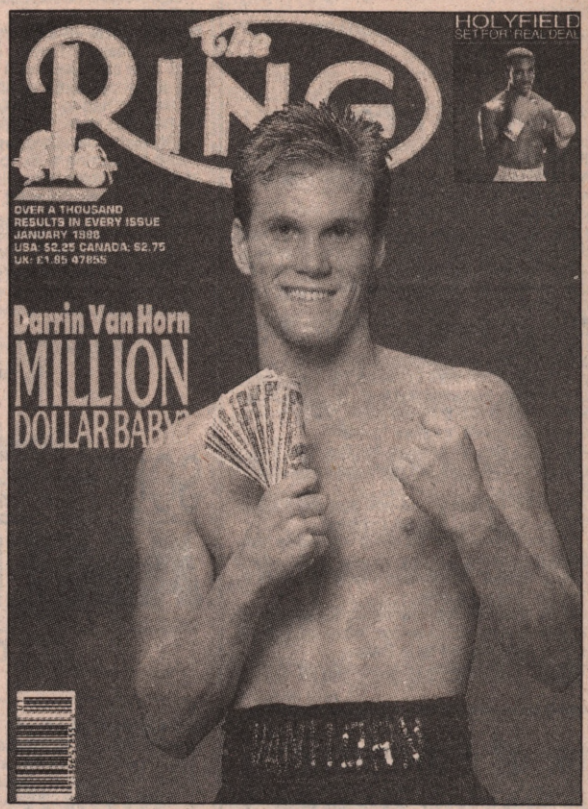

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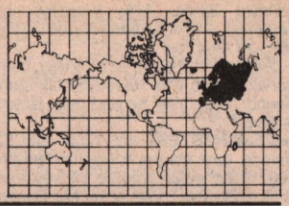

EUROPE

GERMANY

▶**COLOGNE**—Sartory-Saal—In a Commonwealth super featherweight title contest, 33-year-old John Sichula, Zambia, successfully defended, beating Johnny Rubin of Uganda in the fifth round.

In that round, a hurt Rubin fell in close and held on, pulling the champion with him to the canvas. German referee Kurt Stroer counted Rubin out as he struggled to get up.

When Rubin failed to regain his feet, doctors were called in and Rubin was found to have broken his left foot during the fall. He was finally carried from the ring by his cornermen and Brit George Francis, who was working the champion's corner.

The two boxers, meeting in the second Commonwealth championship match in this country, shared points in a 1984 bout. Sichula has lost just two of 25 starts, while Rubin has lost four of 17.

Mario D'Mitroff, a southpaw German heavyweight, demolished fellow countryman Klaus Klein in one round with a left hook to the body.

Young Paddy Pipa, Germany's 1986 Prospect of the Year, outscored Mirsad Mamnutovic of Yugoslavia in six rounds to stretch his unbeaten string to nine. The Slavic import has nine defeats in 20 wars.

Nigerian Peter Konyegwachie, a 22-year-old southpaw lightweight, had his second bout in five days and chalked up his 10th win, beating Dusan Radosavljevic of Yugoslavia. The 23-year-old loser, who had won six of 15 previous bouts, took four counts before being taken out in the third. Konyegwachie, now based in Germany with manager Wilfried Sauerland, won a silver medal at the Los Angeles Olympics.

German heavyweight Stephan Nordin decisioned fellow countryman Horst Schulze over four rounds. Nordin won his second, while Schulze has won 10 of 30 starts.

Briton Wayne "Rocky" Burton almost caused a major sensation, nearly knocking out Mario Guedes in the first few seconds of the opening round. A right to the jaw sent the son of Portuguese parents reeling to take a standing count from Stroer. Guedes got another somewhat long count that gave him extra seconds to recover while Burton took time to get to a neutral corner. But the Briton let Guedes off the hook and lost the six-rounder by a 2-1 vote. It was an untidy affair that could have gone either way. A draw would have pleased most.

Promoter: Dieter Becker/Profiboxteam Koln.

Matchmaker: Jean Marcel Nartz.

Attendance: 612.

(6-7-88)

▶**HAMBURG**—Wandsbek Sports Hall—Promoter Hans Jurgen Pederson is doing his best to revive boxing in this relatively fight-starved city, which was once a hotbed of fistic activity. To date, his efforts have been rewarded with an average appreciative assembly of 3,000 per card. But this most recent show played to many empty seats, with less than 2,000 fans in the venue, which provided a major disappointment for the promoter and, of course, the sponsor, who dropped a bundle.

South African **Brian Mitchell** was to have defended his WBA super featherweight title against Germany's **Rene Weller**, who was coming out of his recent retirement for just one more fight. The support was a defense by European middleweight champion Rene Jacquot of France against Hamburg's local matador and domestic champion Erwin Heiber.

But luck ran out on Pederson, with Mitchell withdrawing due to injury, leaving the promoter to call off the show or move the European championship to the top spot. Pederson chose the latter course, but even with a neighborhood lad as the challenger, many seats remained empty.

To rub salt into the open wound, the French champion left for home still in possession of his European crown after Heiber retired in Round 11 after fighting his heart out. Jacquot is a natural middleweight, while Heiber is more comfortable at welterweight and had little chance to give Germany its first European champion since **Jurgen Blin** 16 years ago.

The 32-year-old Heiber did shock the champion with an explosive left hook to the face in the fifth round, but that was his best moment. In heat 11, the German was out on his feet but gave no indication he wished to quit. But wise corner counseling did the surrendering for him as Weller almost climbed into the ring waving the towel. It was a move that came not a moment too soon, saving Heiber, who raised no objection, from further needless harm.

Jacquot, too seasoned, too smart and too strong for Heiber, showed persistent marksmanship and never stopped to rest in winning his 22nd bout in 31 tries. Heiber, a pro since 1977, saw his record drop to 23-5-8 with nine knockouts.

Ex-Rhine army soldier, southpaw middleweight Horace Fleury, Germany, had an energetic four-rounder with 19-year-old Silvio Mieckley that ended in a draw. Mieckley, an amateur star, is unbeaten in four starts, while the 27-year-old Fleury has split 10 outings.

Tanzania's Bozon Haule, based in Germany, beat Ghana's Tony Bawa, the towel being thrown in with five seconds left in Round Seven to end the middleweight bout. The 28-year-old Haule is undefeated in nine bouts, while Bawa suffered his fourth reversal in 17 tries.

Jamaican middleweight Owen Reece, locally based, won his second pro start stopping German Teddy Jansen in the second frame. Jansen visited the canvas frequently, but referee Kurt Stroer also gave Reece a standing count.

There was the usual "Turkish Delight" when local-based Senturn Ozdemir stopped Yugoslav import Dusan Radosanljevic with three seconds left in Round Two of another middleweight bout. Many thought referee Werner Mundt acted prematurely in calling a halt though Radosanljevic had been dropped by a right to the jaw. Six wins out of 15 bouts is not an impressive record, but Radosanljevic had over 200 amateur bouts and is a real crowd pleaser who doesn't shy away from a war.

Having his 10th pro bout, 21-year-old German welterweight Young Paddy Pipa remained unbeaten by outscoring Slavic import Stanko Suhadolnik over six. The Yugoslav lost his 19th in 37 starts.

Referees: Max Strangfeld, Stroer & Mundt.

Timekeepers: Hans Gunter Kock & Harald Hammerich.

Physicians: Bruno Holik & Walter Wagner.

Attendance: 2,000.

(6-29-88)

▶**NOTES:** Joachim Gottert died June 20 at the age of 72. He was my friend for over 40 years and Germany's No. 1 promoter after the war. Between 1936 and 1971, Gottert put on over 300 shows, including **Muhammad Ali's** defense against **Karl Mildenberger** in Frankfurt.

JACK TREE

UNITED KINGDOM

▶**LONDON**—York Hall — Erroll McDonald, 142½, Nottingham, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing substitute Nick Meloscia, 145¼, referee Dave Parris casting it 80-77 after eight.

Johnny Graham, 176, St. Pancras, preserved his unbeaten certificate by drawing with Derek Myers, 177½, Penge, over eight. Referee Parris.

John Knight, 121¼, narrowly outpointed Roy Deeble, 121½, Chelmsford, referee Reg Thompson scoring it 78½-78 after eight twos.

Lennie Howard, 186, Chelmsford, outpointed Winston Burnett, 175, Cardiff, over six. Eight fights more and Burnett will have reached the century mark.

Paul McCarthy, 168, Southhampton, outpointed Steve Aquilina, 169, referee Thompson casting it 59-58½ after six twos. Nobbins came in afterwards.

Tenko Ernie, 178, Fulham, stopped Randy Powell, 178½, Brockley, referee Thompson intervening at 1:54 of Round One in a scheduled six twos after Powell had been down twice.

(4-21-88)

▶**STOKE**—European Sporting Club — Del Bryan, 147, Midlands Area champion, was down without a count in in Round One, then stopped Kelvin Mortimer, 146, Trebanog, referee Terry O'Connor calling a halt at 0:38 of Round Four in a scheduled eight twos when Mortimer was cut by the left eye which required 12 stitches.

Michael Armstrong, 118½, Manchester, outpointed Kerry Webber, 116, Rhondda, referee O'Connor scoring it 59½-57½ over six twos.

Dean Lynch, 126, Swansea, outpointed Henry Armstrong, 130, Manchester, referee O'Connor casting it 59½-57½ after six twos.

(4-20-88)

▶**GLASGOW**—Kelvin Hall — Gary Jacobs, 147, Glasgow, won the Commonwealth welterweight title by comfortably outpointing champion Wilf Gentzen of Australia, referee Mickey Vann scoring it 118½-117 after 12. At 22, Jacobs looks to have a promising future.

British lightweight champion Steve Boyle, 127¾, stopped American Mark Brannon, 136, referee Vann intervening at 1:25 of Round Four in a scheduled 10 with Brannon under pressure and cut by the left eye.

George Baigrie, 138¾, Edinburgh, kayoed Michael Marsden, 140, who was counted out by referee Billy Rafferty at 1:09 of Round One.

Steve Williams, 178, Grangemouth, outpointed Mike Aubrey, 176½, who came in as a sub, over eight twos.

Jim Moffatt, 136¾, Kilmarnock, outpointed Ian Honeywood, 138, Beckenham, over eight.

(4-19-88)

▶**MANCHESTER**—Anglo American Sporting Club — Gerry McBride, 124, stopped Jimmy Lee, 124½, Burnley, who retired at 2:45 of Round Two in a scheduled six with an injured hand. Referee Ron Hackett.

Tony Banks, 137, stopped Roy Doyle, 136, Salford, referee Keith Garner intervening at 1:35 of Round One after Doyle had been down.

Karl Davey, 147, Bradford, stopped Mike Calderwood, 146, Salford, referee Garner calling a halt at 1:25 of Round Five in a scheduled six twos after Calderwood had been floored twice.

Mark Kelly, 137, Doncaster, outpointed Nigel Bradley, 138, Sheffield, referee Hackett scoring it 59-58½ after six.

(4-18-88)

▶**TORQUAY**—English Riviera Centre—Andy Pybus, Birmingham, outpointed Joff Pugh, Torquay, over eight. Referee Denzil Lewis handled all bouts.

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Featherweight Phil Lashley, Birmingham, outpointed Chris Cooper, Torquay, over six twos.

Middleweight Mick Murray, Doncaster, stopped Keith Scott, Birmingham, the intervention coming in Round Three of a scheduled six twos with Scott under pressure.
(4-20-88)

▶**BIRMINGHAM**—Arden Sporting Club — Steve Pollard, 130, Hull, outpointed Colin Lynch, 129, Coventry, referee Jim Pridding casting it 79-78 after eight twos.

Peter Bradley, 130¾, Glasgow, outpointed Kid Sumaila, 132, referee Pridding scoring it 79½-77 after eight twos.

Paul Shedzoy, 130, Sheffield, outpointed Alan Roberts, 128, Neath, referee Pridding's card showing 60-57½ after six.

Tony Behan, 164, Birmingham, stopped Steve Coffey, 163, Sheffield, the intervention coming in Round Four when Coffey was cut by the left eye.
(4-25-88)

▶**LONDON**—York Hall—Steve Griffith, 138½, Finchley, outpointed Nicky Lucas, 143, Swindon, referee Ritchie Davies scoring it an overwhelming 60-57 over six.

Welsh heavyweight champion Chris Jacobs, 222, outpointed substitute Barry Ellis, 210, Clapham, referee Davies casting it 79½-78 over eight.

Gerry Storey, 199½, Belfast, outpointed Gypsy Carmen, 192, Norwich, referee Paddy Sower scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Dean Barclay, 154½, Chingford, won every round in outpointing Kevin Hayde, referee Davies casting it 60-57 after six.

Con Cronin, 138, Watford, kayoed Wayne Goult, 133, Norwich, who was counted out by referee Sower at 1:44 of Round Three in a scheduled six twos.

Floored in Round Two, Oliver Henry, 141, Norwich, got up to outpoint Andy Pybus, 138, Birmingham, referee Sower scoring it 59½-58 after six twos.
(4-25-88)

▶**LONDON**—On the McGuigan-Perez undercard (see *The Ring*, September, '88), **Nigel Benn,** 158, won the vacant Commonwealth middleweight title by stopping Ghana's Abdul Umaru Sanda, 158, referee Adrian Morgan intervening at 1:32 of Round Two in a scheduled 12 after Sanda had been down twice. Voted the Best Young Boxer Of the Year by the British Boxing Writers' Club, Benn continues to show his punching power.

Floyd Havard, 129, Merthyr, narrowly outpointed American Benje Marquez, 132, referee Sid Nathan scoring it 78½-78 after eight.

Commonwealth lightweight champion Mo Hussein, 142½, stopped Mexican Harold Romero, 143½, referee Morgan calling a halt at 2:40 of Round Three with Romero under pressure.

Tommy Shiels, 155½, Kilburn, stopped American Sam Houston, 155, referee Jack Snipe intervening at 2:00 of Round Seven in a scheduled eight when Houston was cut by the right eye. Shiels was cut by the left eye, but it yielded to treatment.

Nigel Haddock, 128½, Llanelli, outpointed Patrick Kamy, 128½, Islington, referee Snipe scoring it 59-58½ after six.

Tony Collins, 156½, Camberley, outpointed Steve Foster, 161, Manchester, referee Snipe casting it 40-38½ over four twos.

Chubby Martin, 129, London, outpointed Mike Russell, Plymouth, 129, referee Snipe scoring it 59½-58 after six twos. Russell was down twice and Martin once.
(4-20-88)

▶**GLASGOW**—St. Andrews Sporting Club — Craig Windsor, 125¾, Coatbridge, won the Scottish featherweight title, vacant for eight years, by outpointing Dave Adam, 126, Kirkcaldy, referee Billy Rafferty scoring it 99½-96½ after 10.

Brian Holmes, 119½, Glasgow, kayoed Sean Casey, 121½, Derry, who was counted out by referee Len Mullen at 0:29 of the sixth and final round.

Frank Mobbs, 150½, Hull, stopped John Lennard, 154, Greenock, referee Mullen intervening at 0:36 of Round Four in a scheduled six twos.

Darren Mount, 148, Sheffield, outpointed John Mullen, 140, Irvine, referee Rafferty casting it 59½-58½ after six twos. Mullen was down briefly in the final round.
(4-25-88)

▶**GATESHEAD**—Leisure Centre—Glenn McCrory, Annfield Plain, kept his British and Commonwealth cruiserweight titles by beating Lou Gent, Streatham, who retired at the end of Round Eight in a scheduled 12 because of an injured left eye. Referee Billy Rafferty.

A great fight while it lasted, with Gent, at 183½, conceding a slice of poundage to champion McCrory, 190. A return would be a "natural."

Manny Burgo, 213¼, Newcastle, didn't lose a round in outpointing Steve Garber, 238, referee Fred Potter scoring it 60-58 after six.

Debutant Ollie Hutchinson, 167¼, Gateshead, also didn't lose a round in outpointing Dave Thomas, 168, Hull, referee Gerald Watson casting it 60-58½ after six twos.

Jon Fairbairn, 187, Blyth, outpointed Joe Threlfall, 203½, Gateshead, referee Watson scoring it a narrow 59½-59 after six twos.

Paul Charters, 132¾, Newcastle, outpointed Tony Foster, 131¼, Hull, referee Potter's card showing 60-58½ after six twos.
(4-22-88)

▶**BRADFORD** — Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club — Harry Escott, 130, Sunderland, outpointed Les Walsh, 129, Manchester, referee Brian Hogg scoring it 79½-77½ after eight twos.

Des Gargano, 123, Manchester, outpointed Ronnie Stephenson, 122, Doncaster, referee Phil Cowsill casting it 78½-78 after eight twos.

Only two bouts
(4-25-88)

▶**LIVERPOOL** — New Montrose Club — Tony Brown, 149¼, Bootle, came back after a year's inactivity to outpoint Jim Kelly, 149, Wishaw, referee Ron Hackett (who officiated throughout) casting it 79½-77 after eight. Nobbins were tossed in.

G.L. Booth, 152, Manchester, outpointed Steve Hogg, 150, St. Helens, referee Hackett casting it 60-57 after six.

Peter Hart, 135½, Bootle, made a successful debut by outpointing Phil Nurse, 143, Manchester, over six twos, scoreline 59-58½.

Johnny Nelson, 184, Sheffield, kayoed debutant Kenny Jones, 189, Bootle, who went down from a right hand at 1:40 of Round One in a scheduled six twos and injured his right ankle.
(4-25-88)

▶**NOTTINGHAM**—Albany Hotel—Dean Bramhald, 136½, Doncaster, outpointed Nigel Senior, 133, Nottingham over eight twos, referee John Coyle (who handled all bouts).

Neil Malpass, 210¼, South Elmsall, outpointed Mick Gordon, 210, Doncaster, over six twos, scoreline 60-57½.

Rocky Maxwell, 148, Nottingham, outpointed Gerry Richards, 149, Sheffield, scoreline 59½-58 after six twos.

Tony Smith, 115¼, Burnley, confirmed a previous victory when he stopped John Hayles, 115, Nottingham, the referee intervening at 1:03 of Round Five in a scheduled six twos after Hayles had been down.
(4-25-88)

▶**SOUTHEND** — 20th Century Sporting Club — Ian Nelson, 203, Manchester, stopped Dave Lawrence, 185, Norwich, referee Davis Parris intervening in Round Three of a scheduled six twos.

Only one fight.
(4-12-88)

▶**LONDON**—York Hall — Clinton McKenzie, 144¾, Croydon, outpointed Ensley Bingham, 149¼, Manchester, referee Larry O'Connell scoring 78½-78 after eight.

Gary Stretch, 155½, stopped Canadian Robin Smith, 158, referee O'Connell intervening at 0:32 of Round Four in a scheduled 10 after Smith had been down in the previous round and under pressure.

In a crowd-pleasing six-rounder Pat Doherty, 130, Croydon, drew with Mike Whalley, 130, Manchester, over six.

Darren Hobson, 163, beat Welsh champion Denys Cronin, 166, referee Walker calling a halt with just three rounds to go in Round Five in a scheduled eight when Cronin was cut by the right eye.

Tenko Ernie, 176, Croydon, outpointed Kevin McGrath, 180, Camberley, referee O'Connell casting it 59½-58½ over six twos.

Adam Cook, 175, Cardiff, stopped Darryl Ritchie, 169, referee Walker intervening at 0:25 of Round Five in a scheduled six after Ritchie had been down.
(4-26-88)

▶**BRADFORD**—St. Georges Hall — Carl Crook, 134½, Chorley, outpointed Welsh champion Keith Parry, 134½, referee Mickey Vann scoring it 99½-97 after 10. This was an official eliminator for the British lightweight title.

Kevin Spratt, 138, Yeadon, stopped Oliver Harrison, 138½, Manchester, referee Brian Hogg calling a halt at 2:25 of Round Seven in a scheduled eight with Harrison under pressure.

James Conley, 152, Bradford, outpointed Adrian Din, 153, Alfreton, referee Keith Garner scoring it 39½-39 after four.

David Binns, 146, Keighley, outpointed Dave Kettlewell, 145¾, Leeds, referee Garner's card showing 39½-39 after four.

Jeff Decker, 144½, Whitley Bay, beat Gary Champion Norwich, who was retired by his corner at the end of Round Three after he had been down.
(4-26-88)

▶**MANCHESTER**—400 Club—Ian Chantler, 151, St. Helens, beat the previously undefeated Ossie Maddix, 150, Manchester, referee Mickey Vann intervening at 2:56 of Round Three when Maddix was cut by the left eye. Chantler was a substitute.

Sugar Gibiliru, 138, Liverpool, drew with Mark Kelly, 137¾, over six. Referee Phil Cowsill.

Mark Holden, Sheffield, stopped debutant Brent Taylor, 152, Manchester, referee Vann calling a halt at 0:43 of Round One after Taylor had been down.

Michael Murray, 205, Oldham, stopped Ian Neilson, 203½, Leigh, referee Cowsill intervening at 0:37 of the sixth and final round with Neilson under pressure.
(4-28-88)

▶**LONDON**—York Hall—Rod Douglas, 163, Bow, made it five in a row by outpointing American Jake Torrance, 158½, referee Jacobs scoring it 80-77 after eight.

Derek Angol, 191¾, Camberwell, stopped Cordwell Hylton, 191, Walsall, referee Jacobs calling a halt at 1:07 of Round Five in a scheduled eight after Hylton had been down.

After a year's inactivity Billy Ruzgar, 127, Hackney, stopped Kid Sumaila, Ghana, 127¾, referee Nick White calling a halt at 1:22 of Round Four in a scheduled eight with Sumails under pressure.

Derek Grainger, 148½, Bethnal Green, stopped Frank Mobbs, 154½, Hull, referee Jacobs intervening at 1:15 of Round Two in a scheduled six twos after Mobbs had been down.

Mark Pearce, 140, Cardiff, survived a first-round eye injury to stop Tony Gibbs, 140, Hackney, referee White calling a halt at 1:10 of Round Four in a scheduled six twos with Gibbs under pressure.
(5-5-88)

▶**SOLIHULL**—Midlands Sporting Club — Wally Swift, 149½, Solihull, outpointed Chris Blake, 155, referee Jim Pridding scoring it 80-77½ after eight.

Pat Barrett, 143½, Manchester, outpointed Lennie Gloster, 142, Peterborough, referee Paul Thomas, scoring it 80-76 after eight.

Del Bryan, 150, Midlands Area welter champ, outpointed Gary Somerville, 150, referee Thomas casting it 78½-77½ after eight.

Johnny Nelson, 186, Sheffield, outpointed Crawford Ashley, 183, Leeds, referee Pridding scoring it 79-77½ after eight. Ashley was down twice.

Tony Swift, 139, Solihull, drew with Kevin Plant, 142, Rotherham, over eight twos. Referee Pridding.
(5-4-88)

▶**LONDON**—Royal Lancaster Hotel—Patrick Kamy, 128½, Highgate, stopped Gary De Roux, 128¼. Peterborough, referee Ritchie Davies intervening at 2:45 of Round Four in a scheduled eight with Le Roux under pressure.

The 29-year-old Winston Burnett, 174¼, Cardiff, took part in his 93rd contest, and not only took part — he won, outpointing Terry Duffus, 178, Brockley. It was Winston's first win after 20 successive defeats and he didn't lose a round on referee Davies' card of 80-77½ after eight twos.

Paul Seddon, 146, Bedworth, kayoed Dusty Miller, 145, Hackney, who was counted out by referee Reg Thompson at 1:40 of Round Seven in a scheduled eight twos.

Roy Deeble, 119, Barking, beat Pat Maher, 117½, Hackney, who retired with hand and eye injuries at the end of Round Four in a scheduled eight twos. Referee Thompson.
(5-5-88)

▶**HOVE**—Town Hall—Peter Eubanks, 143, Brighton, outpointed Lenny Gloster, 143½, Peterborough, referee Roy Francis scoring it 80-77½ after eight.

Leigh Wicks, 154, Brighton, drew with Frankie Mori, 156, Ghana, over eight twos. Referee Francis.

Chris Eubanks 158½, Brighton, made it nine in a row by stopping Mel Justin, 154, Nottingham, referee Francis intervening in Round Five with Justin under pressure. A scheduled six.

Tony Lawrence, 168, Peterborough, stopped Johnny Uphill, 168½, referee Jack Snipe calling a halt at 1:00 of Round Five of a scheduled six twos with Uphill under pressure.

Tony Borg, 140, Cardiff, outpointed Mike Russell, 140½, Plymouth, referee Snipe casting it 59-58½ after

six twos.
(4-28-88)

▶**WEMBLEY**—Grand Hall—**Jim McDonnell,** contender for the WBC super featherweight title, stretched his unbeaten record to 24 by outpointing Mexican Angel Hernandez, referee Dave Parris scoring it 100-95½ after 10.

European flyweight champion **Duke McKenzie**, 116, outpointed Mexican Jose Gallegos, 120, referee Roy Francis casting it 100-95½ after 10.

Michael Watson, 163½, Islington, stopped American Ricky Stackhouse, 161, referee Parris intervening at 1:29 of Round Four after Stackhouse had been down three times.

Chris Eubanks, 158, Brighton, kept his unbeaten record by beating Greg George, 169, Acton, referee Paddy Sower calling a halt at 1:25 of Round Five in a scheduled eight twos when George was cut by the right eye.

Leigh Wicks, 156, Brighton, outpointed Tony Britton, 158, Lewisham, referee Sower casting it 79½-78 after eight.

Fran Harding, 160½, Liverpool, was decked in Round One but survived to stop Barry K. Bennett, 155, Aylesbury, referee Francis intervening at 1:15 of the same round after Bennett had also been down and was under pressure.
(5-4-88)

▶**STOKE**—Kings Hall—Noel Magee, 169, Belfast, kayoed American Mike Brothers, 177, who was counted out by referee John Keane at 0:25 of Round Six in a scheduled 10.

Welsh super featherweight champion Russell Jones, 130½, stopped Ronnie Green, 129, Manchester, referee Keane calling a halt at 2:12 of Round Three in a scheduled eight with Green under pressure.

Ritchie Joyce, 137, Burton, outpointed Mike Russell, 138, Plymouth, referee Larry Thompson scoring it 40-38½ after four.

Rocky Lawlor, 123½, Midlands Area bantam champion, outpointed Russell Davison, 127, referee Thompson casting it 79-78 after eight.

Henry Armstrong, 129, Manchester, outpointed Paul Charters, 131, North Shields, referee Thompson's card showing 40-38 after four.

Peter Elliott, 162, Burton, outpointed Tony Behan, 164, Birmingham, referee Thompson scoring it 59½-58 after six twos.
(5-3-88)

▶**NOTTINGHAM**—Victoria Leisure Centre—Roy Smith, Nottingham, 181, kept his Midlands Area cruiserweight title by outpointing Ian Bulloch, 186½, Alfreton, referee Paul Thomas casting it 99-97½ after 10.

Central Area middleweight champion Slugger O'Toole, 160, stopped Frankie Moro, 160, Liverpool, referee Brian Arnott calling a halt at 0:30 of Round Two in a scheduled six after Mori had been down.

Midlands Area lightweight champion Ray Newby, 136½, stopped Ian Honeywood, 136, Peterborough, referee Arnott intervening at 1:03 of Round One in a scheduled six after Honeywood had been floored.

Bary Maxwell, 130¾, Nottingham, outpointed Tony Foster, 133, Hull, referee Thomas scoring it 60-58 after six.

Substitute Mark Holden, 157½, Rotherham, outpointed Adrian Din, 155½, Nottingham, referee Arnott scoring it 60-58½ after six twos.

Barry North, 139, Longwith, outpointed Andy Pybus, 133, Birmingham, referee Arnott's card showing 59½-58½.
(5-9-88)

▶**WEMBLEY**—Grand Hall—**Tom Collins** kept his European light heavyweight title by knocking out **Mark Kaylor**, West Ham, at 2:31 of Round Nine in a scheduled 12 with a right to the jaw. The brave Kaylor made every effort to beat referee John Coyle's count only to fall back again on the canvas.

It was Kaylor's 27th birthday, and he afterwards announced his retirement from the ring. He had put up a great fight and Collins was cut by the right eye, so it was anyone's guess how the bout would have gone had it not been for the champion's fine finishing punch.

Joseph Alexander, 142, Trinidad, outpointed Commonwealth light welter champion Tony Laing, referee Sid Nathan scoring it 79-78 after eight. Alexander must now be considered for a shot at Laing's title.

British bantamweight champion Billy Hardy, 118¼, stopped American Luis Ramos, 120, referee Adrian Morgan intervening at 2:11 of Round Two in a scheduled 10 after Ramos had been down three times.

Jimmy Peters, 177, Southampton, outpointed Dennis Banton, 176½, Camberwell, scoreline 59½-58½ after six.

Billy Sim, 178½, Hackney, stopped Tenko Ernie, 178, Fulham, referee Sid Nathan intervening at 1:59 of the sixth and final round with Ernie under pressure.

Ivan Joseph, 203, Hackney, stopped Abner Blackstock, 190, Welsh cruiser champion, referee Coyle calling a halt at 2:24 of Round Five in a scheduled six with Blackstock under pressure after being down in Round One.
(5-11-88)

▶**LONDON**—Tottenham Baths—Tony Wilson, 174½, was down in the opening round, but got up to stop Brian Schumaker, 170½, and thus retain his British light heavyweight title. Referee Sid Nathan intervened at 1:45 of Round Six in a scheduled 12 with Schumaker under pressure.

James Oyebola, 238, Paddington, drew with Andy Gerrard, 215, Risca, over six. Referee Jack Snipe. Previously Oyebola had outpointed Gerrard.

Cornelius Carr, 155, Middlesbrough, made it seven in a row by stopping Andy Catesby, 158, Bournemouth, referee Nathan intervening at 1:51 of Round Five in a scheduled six with Catesby under pressure.

Tony Collins, 156, Camberly, stopped Ollie Hutchingson, 162, Gateshead, referee Snipe calling a halt at 1:32 of Round One in a scheduled four twos after Hutchinson had been down.

Peter Hart, 139, Liverpool, stopped Rocky Milton, 136½, Liverpool, referee Snipe jumping in after only 17 seconds of Round One in a scheduled six twos after Milton had been floored.
(5-10-88)

▶**WOLVERHAMPTON**—Civic Hall—Al Malcolm, 217½, kept his Midlands Area heavyweight title by outpointing Denroy Bryan, 212, Swindon, referee Paul Thomas scoring it 98½-97½ over 10.

Ronnie Campbell, 143, Dudley, beat Dean Bramhald, 146½, Doncaster, referee Thomas intervening at 1:53 of Round Seven in a scheduled eight twos when Bramhald was cut by the left eye.

Jimmy Vincent, 134, Birmingham, outpointed Barry North, 135, Chesterfield, referee Terry O'Connor casting it 59½-58 after six twos.

Shaun Cooper, 134, Dudley, outpointed Paul Charters, 133½, North Shields, referee O'Connor casting it 60-57 after six twos.

Robert Wright, 142, Dudley, outpointed Steve Hogg, 144, St. Helens, referee O'Connor's card showing 60-57 after six. It was Wright's debut.

Eamonn Payne, 142, Kings Lynn, outpointed Steve Taggart, 142, Birmingham, referee O'Connor scoring it 59-58½ after six twos.

Debutant Wayne Timmins, 148, Wolverhampton, outpointed another first-timer, Marty Duke, 150, Great Yarmouth, referee O'Connor marking it 59½-58 after six.
(5-16-88)

▶**LONDON**—Greenwich Borough Hall — Jeff Dobson, 127, Eltham, made it four in a row by stopping Nigel Lawrence, 126, Battersea, referee Dave Parris intervening at 0:30 of Round Four in a scheduled eight twos after Lawrence had benn down twice.

Martin Smith, 147, Tottenham, beat Simon Paul, 147½, Hackney, who retired at the end of Round Five in a scheduled eight twos. He was down in Round One and under pressure.

Dave Thomas, 160, Hull, outpointed Newton Barnet, 156, New Cross, referee, Nick White scoring it 59-58½ after six twos.

Debutant Nicky Lucas, 127, Waltham Abbey, stopped Joe Duffy, 124, Glasgow, referee White intervening at 1:05 of the sixth and final (two-min) round with Duffy under pressure.

Debutant Chris Haydon, 148½, Greenwhich, outpointed Grame Griffin, 150, Corby, referee White casting it 60-57½ after six twos.
(5-11-88)

▶**MANCHESTER**—Anglo American Sporting Club — Michael Armstrong, 122, Manchester, stopped Steve Bowles, 122½, Dinnington, referee Phil Cowsill calling a halt at 0:48 of Round Three in a scheduled six twos with Bowles under pressure.

Henry (brother of Michael) Armstrong, 129, Manchester, outpointed Dean Dickenson, 131, Sheffield, referee Cowsill scoring it 60-58 after six.

Gary Booth, 150, Manchester, kayoed Barry Messam, Nottingham, who was counted out by referee Mickey Vann at 1:53 of Round Four in a scheduled six twos.

Peter Elliott, 162, Burton, outpointed Dave Mowbray, 163, referee Vann casting it 59½-58½ after six twos.
(5-16-88)

▶**EDGBASTON**—Portland Club — Paul Wesley, 160, Birmingham, outpointed Tony Mezaros, 163, Birmingham, referee Terry O'Connor (who handled all bouts) casting it 78½-78 after eight twos. Tony had been inactive for over a year.

Mark Kelly, Doncaster, 133, drew with George Jones, 135, Telford, over eight twos. Jones was down in Round Two.

Tony Behan, 165, Birmingham, outpointed Floyd Davidson, 166, Burton on Trent, who had been out of the ring for 12 months.

Steve Taggart, 143, Birmingham, outpointed Peter Brown, 142, Wednesbury, over six twos.
(5-10-88)

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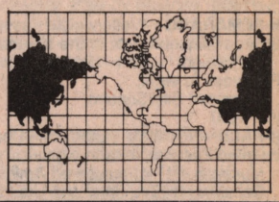

THE ORIENT

INDONESIA

▶**PALEMBANG, SOUTH SUMATRA**—This must be the Upset of the Month in the Orient.

Carlos Elliott, the OPBF junior middleweight champion ranked fourth by the WBC, failed to retain his crown as he dropped a unanimous decision to Indonesian prospect **Francisco Lisboa** in 12 heats.

Some 4,000 spectators at Palembang Sports Hall praised Lisboa's successful efforts to win the title. Carlos looked sharp and powerful in the early stage of the fight, but became visibly tired as the bout progressed. Francisco, a 22-year-old East Timor born native, took the pace and had the champ at bay in the fifth, seventh and ninth rounds. Carlos, 26, was battered onesidedly in the ninth, but refused to go down. Lisboa lacked the concentration to finish the weary titlist.

The new champ, who turned pro in 1985, raised his credentials to 13-2, including six knockouts. Carlos fell to 18-2.

Scoring: referee Perez (Philippines) 119-109, Kazunobu Asao (Japan) 115-113, and Soedarsono (Indonesia) 119-109, all in the challenger's favor.
(7-2-88)

▶**GELORA PANCASILA, SURABAYA**—Udin Baharudin, Indonesian junior flyweight champion, 107¾, successfully kept his title by taking a unanimous decision over Jimmy Suyono, 108, in 12.

Yudith Kurniawan, 118½, drew with Ajib, 117¾, in eight.

Ponidi, 108¼, scored a second-round kayo over

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Rudy Batho, also 108¾, in a scheduled eight.

Yess Kill, 113½, unanimously decisioned Suwaji Tirta, 115¼, in eight.

Radial, 105, won from Charles, 104¾, in a unanimous six.

Little Pono, 110½, was a unanimous points winner over Chamid, 112, in eight.

Robby Rahangmetan, 124½, won a unanimous nod over Taurus Clay, 128, in eight.

Promoter: Ingger George Kailola.

(5-27-88)

▶**SEMARANG**—Welterweight Kasimeros knocked out Bicardo Simanungkalit in the seventh round.

Lightweight John Breces outpointed Yance Rahayaan in eight.

Promoter: Sita Soediro.

(6-11-88)

▶**PALU**—Nokilalaki Stadium—Chamid, 112, decisioned Susanto, 111, in eight.

Mustajab, 117¼, outscored Aminuddin, 112, in six.

Bambang, 109¼, drew with Udin Baharudin, 112, in six.

Promoter: Ir. Hendrianto Soeharso.

(6-12-88)

▶**SURABAYA—Hengky Gun,** 129¾, became the new OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) junior lightweight champion as he chalked up an impressive TKO over **Geron Porras,** a Filipino veteran, also 129¾, in 12.

Wongso Indrajit, Indonesian bantamweight champ, 116¾, retained his national throne by stopping Wim Sapulete, 118, in the third session of a scheduled 12.

Ganitala, 131½, TKO'd Jun Placensia, 128, in eight.

Jack Papety, 139, unanimously decisioned Suwarno Perico, 142, in eight.

M. Noer, 126, took a unanimous nod over Robby Rahangmetan, 124¾, in eight.

John Breces, 133¾, knocked out Herry Cat, 133¼, in the eighth and final round.

Ponidi, 109¾, was a unanimous points victor over Demi, 108, in eight.

Promoter: P. Setijadi Laksono.

NOTES: Ellyas Pical, an Indonesian national hero as well as the IBF world junior bantamweight champion, married Rina Sahanaya, a student in the medical department of Indonesian University, May 29. They flew to the US to enjoy a honeymoon. Pical will risk his IBF throne against ex-OPBF champ Ki-Chang Kim, a taller Korean, at Tambaksari Stadium, Surabaya, August 28. He would like to show his best form to his bride — a la Mike Tyson. Pical is 17-3 and Kim is 16-5-4.

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JAPAN

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—**Fujio Ozaki,** ranked 10th both by the WBA and WBC, 147, seized the vacant OPBF welterweight title as he defeated Filipino champ Francisco Ferrer, also 147, by a unanimous decision in a 12-round eliminator.

The Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation rules that a regional champ must relinquish his throne prior to having a crack at the world crown. **Yung-Kil Chung** followed the rule before facing **Lloyd Honeyghan** in his quest for the world welterweight diadem in Atlantic City July 29. This eliminator was a good matchup. Ozaki displayed a good showing against **Marlon Starling** for the WBA title, though losing a close, but unanimous decision in Atlantic City February 5. Ferrer, a durable swinger, decked an upset kayo win over Eung-Shik Kim, then rated sixth by the WBA and the WBC, in two rounds in Korea last May. The Filipino was rated sixth in the junior welterweight class by the WBA thereafter.

Ozaki outpunched and outsped the willing mixer throughout the contest. Ferrer, however, refused to go down and fought back with heavy, but inaccurate swings. No matter how many clean shots Fujio scored, Francisco responded to his attacks. It was a tough battle for the winner.

Scoring: referee Ukrit Sarasas (Thailand) 119-115, Takeshi Shimakawa (Japan) 119-113 and Carlos Bizon (Philippines) 119-116, all in favor of the bearded Japanese.

Ozaki, 26, improved his credentials to 22-5 with 14 knockouts. Ferrer impaired to 43-15-5 with 11 KOs.

Up-and-coming Kenichi Kimura, the Japanese Commission's second-ranked junior flyweight, 110¼, was befuddled by the aggressiveness of Toshio Nayuki, 111, was behind on points, but was luckily awarded a TKO win due to the latter's bad bleeding at the end of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Kimura is 14-1 with seven knockouts. Nayuki fell to 4-7 with three KOs.

Koji Takahashi, former All Japan high school champ in the featherweight class, 126, made a successful debut by polishing off Takeshi Tokuyama, 125, at 1:11 of the first round in a scheduled four.

Promoter: Teiken Promotions.

(7-7-88)

▶**OSAKA**—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium Second Arena—Ki-Joung Son, the Korean Commission's sixth-ranked junior welterweight, 142, lost a unanimous decision to Katsumi Nonoguchi, 141, in 10.

Korean lightie Oh-Kyun Chang, 135, amazed the crowd with his first-round demolition of Naoyuki Iramina, also 135, at just 2:00 in a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Green Tsuda Promotions.

(6-16-88)

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—Former Japanese bantamweight champ Chiaki Kobayashi, the WBA's #8 junior bantie, 118, was less impressive, but stopped Korean lefty Tae-Sang Chun, also 118, at 0:31 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. Kobayashi wrested the Japanese title in the 118-pound class via an upset decision over previously unbeaten Naoto Takahashi last October, but gave up the newly acquired crown to move down to the 115-pound division. People criticized Kobayashi's refusal to give Takahashi a return. Since then he won over Filipinos Joseph Ladipe and Leopardo Ari, but showed just lackluster performances. Chiaki, slow and rough, dominated the proceedings and caught an easy victim, Chun, with a left uppercut and a straight right. Tae-Sang made no effort to stand up and fight again. Kobayashi, 23, is 14-3 with just four knockouts. Chun, the KBC's #3 bantie, fell to 15-5-6 with six KOs.

The semifinal 10 saw Yasuyuki Fukuda, the JBC's top junior lightweight contender, 132½, put on a give-and-take brawl and dispose of Hun-Chul Kwon, the KBC's #8 contender, at 2:34 of the eighth session.

Fukuda, lacking defensive skills, is 8-4-1 with five kayoes. Kwon dropped to 6-2-1 with two KOs.

Katuya Onizuka, an ex-amateur star, 115, made it 2-0 with as many kayoes by polishing off Tomo Kada, 113½, at 1:24 of the opening session in a scheduled four.

Promoter: Kadoebi Jewel Promotions.

(6-20-88)

▶**HIMEJI**—Himeji Welfare Arena—The OPBF flyweight champ Kenji Matsumura, the WBA's eighth-ranked contender, 112½, engaged in a non-title tenner, but was dropped by a good right by Yosuke Matsuoka, the JBC's #5 flyweight, and struggled to be given a unanimous draw.

Scoring: referee Inukai, judges Kashiwagi and Matsumoto, all 96-96.

Yosuke was aggressive from the start to the end except in Round Eight, when the champ desperately fought back. People thought the underdog deserved a close decision. Matsumura is 8-2-1 with four kayoes. Matsuoka is 14-4-2 with five KOs.

Promoter: Kakogawa Kobe Promotions.

(6-26-88)

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—In a title go where a defending champ was the underdog, Masahiro Takagi, 130, barely kept his Japanese junior lightweight crown by a close but unanimous decision over Eiji Oyama, also, 130, in 10.

Scoring: referee Morita 98-96, judges Shimakawa and Ugo 99-97 and 98-97, all in favor of the champ.

The two had similar physiques and styles and tried to outjab and outpunch each other. But Takagi was better at distributing his stamina, winning the last three sessions. That gave him an edge in the hairline affair.

Takagi, 28, had acquired the national title by beating Fusao Imai on points last February and this was his first defense. He is 23-7-3 with 12 kayoes. Oyama, 25, fell to 15-4-3 with eight KOs.

Before the main event there was a ceremony for the latest retirement of ex-champ Imai.

The semifinal 10 witnessed Takeo Onishi, a lanky lefty, 107, stop his losing run via a quick finish of Kazuya Shigeno, also 107, at 2:14 of the second session. Onishi, the JBC's #5 strawweight, is 8-5-2 with two knockouts. Shigeno, ranked #7 in the junior flyweight division, is 8-5-2 with just a kayo.

Promoter: Serapy Watanabe Promotions.

(6-28-88)

▶**OSAKA**—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink—Originally scheduled to fight Yong-Kang Kim in a quest for the OPBF junior flyweight title, Katsumi Komiyama, the WBC's #10 contender, was obliged to face a late substitute named Putt Ohyuthanakorn, Thai champ also ranked #10 by the WBC, and won a unanimous decision in 10.

Komiyama showed his progress in punching aggressively throughout the bout. The japanese prospect dropped the Thai champ for the mandatory eight in the seventh round when he landed a well-timed left hook to the jaw. Putt, however, endured his rival's onslaught and floored the aggressor with a big right in the 10th and final session.

Scoring: referee Inukai 99-93, judge Fujita 98-92 and judge Kashiwati 95-92, all in favor of the local favorite.

Komiyama bettered his log to 11-2-4 with three kayoes. Ohyuthanakorn fell to 24-3 with 14 KOs.

Tomoya Kakimoto, 125, fought to a majority draw with Katsutoshi Yokoi, also 125, in eight.

Promoter: Harada Promotions.

(7-2-88)

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—Having been given a controversial decision over Korean Oh-Kong Song, the then WBC's #6 contender, Emil (Ramano) Matsushima, an imported Filipino lefty, 113¼, scored a stunning knockout over Korean Seung-Hwa Kang, 113¾, at 2:16 of the first round in a scheduled 10.

Emil displayed remarkable sharpness in dropping the Korean with southpaw left hooks and straight lefts on three occasions. He was very impressive. The Filipino is 17-4-2 with 10 knockouts. Kang fell to 10-5-1 with four KOs.

Changing his ring name for the second time from Tiger Michigami and Shigeru Fudai, ex-Japanese junior lightweight boss Fudai Michigami, 130, endured opening attacks by Takehito Nakano, 128½, and floored the latter thrice to score a come-from-behind kayo at 1:23 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Michigami, a very short puncher, lost four rounds in the first five, but his power punching turned the tables. He is 20-8 with 15 kayoes. Nakano, the JBC's #8 junior lightie, is 7-3 with three KOs.

Akio Kawamata, a taller boy ranked atop in the JBC's flyweight ratings, 112, had a very tough time and was awarded a disputed draw with Yasutaka Sakurai, an aggressive puncher at 112, in 10.

Sakurai, despite his losing run, connected with good body shots and weakened the prohibitive favorite effectively. Kawamata failed to utilize his longer reach, obviously slowing down in the last half.

Kawamata is 15-1-1 with five kayoes. Sakurai, the JBC's #6 flyweight, is 6-4-1 with no KOs. Scoring: referee Abe 97-96, Kawamata; judge Kumazaki 97-96, Sakurai; and Asao 97-97.

Toshinao Odagiri, the JBC's #8 junior welterweight, 146¾, disposed of Tomoyuki Rokuhara, 148, at 2:16 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Odagiri's combinations were effective enough to down the loser thrice, including a standing count.

Promoter: Shinto Promotions.

(7-8-88)

KOREA

▶**TAEGU**—Taegu Indoor Gymnasium—Dong-Chun Lee, the Korean Commission's top junior bantamweight contender, 118, caught tough Filipino Romeo Opriasa, 118, and chalked up a knockout win at 0:37 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

Having been kayoed by **Elly Pical** in his quest for the IBF's junior bantamweight throne, Lee was dropped out of the world ratings. But he is still one of the strongest 115-pounders in the Orient. Dong-Chun is still 30-7-1 with 17 knockouts. Opriasa, who had a very close fight with unbeaten Korean prospect Yun-Un Chin, fell to 11-4-2 with four kayoes.

Mun-Sil Chi, Korean junior welterweight champ, 140, ran his log to 14-0 with five knockouts as he retained his crown by beating Yong-Soo Park, the top contender, also 140, on points in 10. Park impaired to 6-5-2 with no kayos.

The first tenner saw **Rae-Ki Ahn,** previously rated top by the WBC, make a fine comeback as he stopped Duk-Kyun Lee, 114½, at 1:40 of the seventh session. Ahn, also 114½, raised his log to 23-3-4 with 13 kayoes. Ahn was a victim of **Sot Chitalada**, the former world flyweight kingpin, in his bid for the title, being knocked out badly in Thailand. The loser fell to 4-5-2 with a kayo.

Promoter: Waryong Promotions.

NOTES: What happened to Korean boxing? The number of fight cards have decreased drastically. It is because Korean TVs, KBS and MBC, decided to withdraw telecasting ordinary cards, only showing world title bouts and very good matchups between outstand-

ing compatriots. Korean impresarios couldn't find good financial ways to promote fight cards without the TV sponsorships. Probably Korean Televisions try to concentrate their budgets on the forthcoming Olympic Games this September. After the Games are over, there might be a rebounding of boxing in this country.

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PHILIPPINES

▶**BAGUIO CITY**—Edel Geronimo, 115, won the Filipino junior bantamweight crown via a technical decision over Constancio Dangla, the defending champ, 115, at 2:20 of the fourth round in a scheduled 12.

Steve Nerza, ranked eighth in the junior featherweight class by the GAB (Games and Amusements Board, commission of the country), 119, was also a winner by a technical verdict over Audy Murphy, 118, in the sixth round of a semifinal 10.

The ring physican, Dr. Cruz, was a busy man who examined a cut of Geronimo in the third and saw a second gash in the next session. The second was so wide and bad that he recommended a stoppage of the title bout. Geronimo was ahead on points.

Promoter: Emily dela Rama.

(5-7-88)

▶**QUEZON CITY**—Araneta Coliseum—**Rolando Bohol,** the IBF world flyweight champion, 112, kept his title with a unanimous decision over Korean Cho-Woon Park, 111½, in 15.

Former WBC world super featherweight champ **Rolando Navarrete,** 133, scored a second-round kayo of Elmer Leonardo, 136, in a semifinal 10.

Paquito Opinio, 122, chalked up a TKO win over Mac Espanola, also 122, in the 10th and final round.

Jun Villablanca, 118, fought to a split draw with Virgilio Opinio, 116, in 10.

Little Bangoyan, ex-Filipino junior featherweight champ, 124, unanimously decisioned Ric dela Cruz, 125, in 10.

Promoter: Laura Elorde.

(5-6-88)

▶**ALEBEJID**—Rodolfo Igloria, 121, was a unanimous points winner over Baby Capili, 120, in 10.

Marlon Gaid, 110, kayoed Ric Macaubos, 110, at 1:18 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.

Promoter: Ben Ompec.

(5-1-88)

▶**DAVAO**—Cobra Ari Blanca, the GAB's second-ranked junior bantie, 117, scored a TKO victory over Rosalino Sanoy, 117, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.

Frank Navasca, 105, drew with Zaldy Oriega, 105, in six.

Promoter: Joel Ostoma.

(5-1-88)

▶**TAGUM, DAVAO**—Just six days after his previous win, Cobra Ari Blanca, 117, fought again and took a majority decision over Ruben dela Cruz, 116¾, in 10.

Elson Duran, 110, unanimously outscored Triffon Torralba, 110, in 10.

Boy Ligas, the Filipino #4 lightie, 130, won a unanimous duke over Boy Romero, 135, in 10.

Young Rey, 110, registered an eighth-round TKO over Edwin Inocencio, 109.

Kid Tavera, 124, sank Gilbert Albay, 124, in the second round of the first scheduled 10.

Promoter: Eusebio Almario.

(5-7-88)

▶**STAR CRUZ, ILOCUS SUR**—Felix Enero, 122, TKO'd Boy Masu-ay, 122, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

Louie Gonzales, 113½, scored a fifth-round TKO over Mario Aliguin, 114½, in a scheduled 10.

Jun Altarejos, 105, was also a TKO victor over Anthony Rendiza, 103, in the fourth session of a scheduled 10.

Boy Granciosa, 126, stopped Boy Areglo, 124, in the opening canto of the first 10.

Promoter: Laura S. Elorde.

(5-8-88)

▶**MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL**—Jun Generale, 111, was held to a technical draw by Chris Sanchez, 110, in the first round of a scheduled 10.

Del Tengam, 108, fought to a majority draw with Felix Mantos, 109, in 10.

Noel "Tata" Ariosa, 128, took a unanimous nod over Randy Rodrigo, 130, in 10.

Promoter: Roberto Rodrigo.

(5-8-88)

▶**VALENCIA, BUKIDNON**—Allan Morre, the Filipino top junior flyweight contender, 111, registered a fine stoppage of Cesar de la Cruz, 110, at 0:45 of the seventh session in a scheduled 10.

Fide Ymbong, 115, stopped Domino Smme, 118, at 1:45 of the fifth round of a semifinal 10.

Rocky Marcial, 107, TKO'd Renato Betsalda, 105, midway in the fifth round of the first 10.

Al Campania, 110, halted Oscar Traya, 109, in the sixth session of a supporting eight.

(5-8-88)

▶**HINDANG, LEYTE**—Dondon Perez, chalked up a TKO victory over Pet Bustillo, also 124, at 1:15 of the seventh session in a scheduled 10.

Marlon Gaid, 112, fought to a majority draw with Toto Gayo, 114, in six.

Promoter: Jessie Balista.

(5-8-88)

▶**BAGONG BARRIO**—John Matienza, a busy campaigner, 122, pounded out a unanimous decision over Ador Unesto, 120, in 10.

Joseph Saljob, 114, won from Sammy Ansig, 115, in the first 10.

Promoter: Antonio Cansino.

(5-12-88)

▶**DIGOS, DAVAO DEL SUR**—Young Rey, the Filipino third-ranked flyweight, 113, amazed the crowd with his first-round demolition of Ronnie Tan, 112, in a scheduled 10.

Nathan Ballerda, 112, stopped Edward Wagas, also 112, in the sixth session of a scheduled 10.

Young Traya, 116, drew with Gil Geniza, 116, in six.

Promoter: Gabriel Traya.

(5-13-88)

▶**PINAMALAYAN, OR. MINDRO**—Norberto Martinez, previously fighting as Bert Baco, 122, was awarded a technical decision over Joe Labrador, 123, at 0:46 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

David John, 122, barely took a split verdict over Wilson Apurado, 121, in 10.

Promoter: Abraham Chavarria.

(5-14-88)

▶**SAN FERNANDO, CEBU**—Fernando Yuson, 104¼, displayed a quick stoppage of Al Ygonia, 106, at 1:15 of the second session of a scheduled eight.

Arnold Lumando, 114¼, won a majority nod over Jiper Pahayahay, 117, in eight.

Dodo Tagalog, 106½, and Salvador Dignos, 106½, battled to a split draw in six.

Promoter: Mabiera Sports Promotions.

(5-14-88)

▶**MAMBAJAE, CAMIGUIN PROVINCE**—Erning Tinoym 116, took a unanimous decision over Lito Butra, 115, in 10.

Bonnie Ballientos, 119, TKO'd Vic Caballero, 119, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Antonio Ranara.

(5-15-88)

▶**BUTAN CITY**—Pat Bracero, the GAB's #10 bantie, 122, earned a unanimous decision over Al Balaba, 119, in 10.

Cecelio Tutor, 112, won from Johnny Siog, 110, in 10.

Roger Gamaye, 110, decisioned Terry Felesilda, 108, in 10.

Andy Celitona, 108, halted Loel Alaiza, 107, at 0:55 into the eighth round of a scheduled 10.

Dondon Perez, 124, finished Eddie Torrecampo, 122, at 2:15 of the eighth session of the first 10.

Promoter: Neptali Bokingo.

(5-19-88)

▶**GINGOOG CITY**—Jun Quiamco, 132, scored a technical knockout of Roger Quisaba, 132, at 1:45 of the seventh session in a scheduled 10.

Joel Castrodes, 114, won a unanimous nod over German Ellana, 114, in 10.

Danny Lumanog, 122, decisioned Jun Tinoy, 124, in a unanimous 10.

Jojie Agusan, 116, was given a split decision over Bernie Herra, 117, in eight.

Promoter: Ramon Siaty.

(5-20-88)

▶**BUHI CAMARINES SUR**—Herbert Aragoan, the Filipino #4 featherweight, 127, TKO'd Willie Bernadas, also 127, at 1:20 of the eighth session in a scheduled 10.

Noel Cornelio, 120, unanimously decisioned Fernando Udtohan, 122, in eight.

Promoter: J. Ocho.

(5-21-88)

▶**TRENTO AGUSAN DEL SUR**—Nathan Ballerda, the GAB's #9 junior flyweight, 111, disposed of Terry Felisilda, also 111, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10.

Lanie Sullano, 126, stopped Franco Turo, also 126, in the seventh session of a semifinal 10.

Promoter: Leonardo Bacus.

(5-21-88)

▶**TAGUM**—Dadoy Andujar, former national champ, 115, produced an upset victory over Romy Navarrete, the current Filipino flyweight titlist at 114, via a unanimous decision in a non-title 10.

Edgar Apatan, 123, earned a majority duke over Nick Ampong, 122, in 10.

Dick Carlos, 105, won from Nelson Purisima, 106, in 10.

Romy Ceniza, 114, fought to a majority draw with Loloc Elloren, 114, in 10.

Arman Picar, the GAB's top welterweight contender, 165, was held to a majority draw by Rolando Aldemir, former champ at 164, in 10.

Eduard Adame, 109, knocked out Jun Afable, ex-Filipino titlist, 107, in the second session of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Ranilo Tarania.

(5-21-88)

▶**BAGUIO CITY**—Free-swinging Bert Pucay, the Filipino #3 featherweight, 128, pounded out a unanimous decision over Gilbert George, also 128, in 10.

Junior Danglose, 135, won from Amy Pacana, 139, in 10.

Promoter: L. Dagiwa.

(5-22-88)

▶**SAN JUAN, METRO MANILA**—John Matienza, the Filipino third-ranked junior featherweight, 124½ knocked out Ric dela Paz, 127½, at 2:59 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Promoter: C. Petalbo.

(5-28-88)

▶**MISAMIS ORIENTAL**—Del Tengam, 110, was held to a split draw by Rex Cailing, also 110, in 10.

Baby Capili, 122, unanimously decisioned Boy Ansongay, 122, in eight.

Promoter: Monico Galarpe.

(5-28-88)

▶**ZAMBOGANGA DEL SUR**—Jessim Garzon, 130, decisioned Alex Masicampo, 131, in 10.

Rey Bonito, 107, outscored Danny Malhin, 108, in 10.

Promoter: Roberto Rodrigo.

(5-28-88)

▶**DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Jerry Allawan, 115, scored a TKO win over Ruel Idombingo, 116, in the fifth session of a scheduled 10.

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IBF/WBA/WBC RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Mike Tyson (US)	C	C	C
Carl Williams (US)	1	3	3
Pinklon Thomas (US)	2	–	–
Frank Bruno (England)	3	1	1
James Douglas (US)	4	–	5
Trevor Berbick (US)	5	8	8
Orlin Norris (US)	6	7	9
Francesco Damiani (Italy)	7	2	–
Tim Witherspoon (US)	8	9	11
Jose Ribalta (US)	9	10	4
Michael Spinks (US)	10	–	–
Adilson Rodrigues (Brazil)	–	4	2
Tyrell Biggs (US)	–	5	12
Donovan Ruddock (Canada)	11	6	6
Tony Tubbs (US)	–	–	7
Horace Notice (England)	–	–	10

CRUISERWEIGHT/ JR. HEAVYWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Evander Holyfield (US)	C	C	C
Patrick Lumumba (Kenya)	1	6	5
Anthony Witherspoon (US)	2	–	13
Taoufik Balbouli (France)	3	3	4
Bash Ali (US)	4	–	–
Alfonso Ratliff (US)	5	–	23
Ralf Rocchigiani (Germany)	6	–	16
Michael Greer (US)	7	5	3
Sammy Reeson (England)	8	1	7
Magne Havanaa (Denmark)	9	–	22
Everett Martin (US)	10	4	15
Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)	–	2	2
Bert Cooper (US)	11	7	9
Ossie Ocasio (Puerto Rico)	–	8	–
Sherman Griffin (US)	–	9	–
Glenn McCrory (England)	12	10	6
Michael Spinks (US)	–	–	1
Daniel Netto (Argentina)	–	–	8
Angelo Rottoli (Italy)	–	–	10

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Charles Williams (US)	C	–	–
Uriah Grant (US)	1	10	14
Rufino Angulo (France)	2	–	–
Frankie Swindell (US)	3	–	20
Jorge Salgado (Argentina)	4	–	22
Tony Willis (US)	5	1	1
Dennis Andries (England)	6	–	3
Bobby Czyz (US)	7	9	13
Joe Lasisi (Nigeria)	8	5	4
Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)	9	7	6
Lenny LaPaglia (US)	10	–	28
Virgil Hill (US)	–	C	–
Tom Collins (England)	12	2	2
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)	–	3	8
Jean-Marie Emebe (Cameroon)	–	4	12
Ramzi Hassan (US)	–	6	9
Willy Featherstone (Canada)	–	8	10
James Kinchen (US)	–	–	5
Alex Blanchard (Holland)	–	–	7
Don Lalonde (Canada)	–	–	C

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Graciano Rocchigiani (Germany)	C	–	–
Lindell Holmes (US)	1	1	–
James Kinchen (US)	2	4	–
Mike McCallum (US)	3	–	–
Chris Reid (US)	4	3	–
Vincent Boulware (US)	5	10	–
Jeff Harding (Australia)	6	–	–
Tarmo Uusivirta (Finland)	7	9	–
Nigel Benn (England)	8	–	–
Thulani Malinga (South Africa)	9	–	–
Mike Peak (US)	10	–	–
Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)	–	C	–
Victor Cordova (Panama)	11	2	–
Jay Strickland (US)	–	5	–
Frankie Minton (US)	–	6	–
Wang-Sup Lee (Korea)	–	7	–
Mark Kaylor (England)	–	8	–

MIDDLEWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Frank Tate (US)	C	–	–
Michael Nunn (US)	1	1	3
Frank Winterstein (Germany)	2	–	11
Jose Quinones (Puerto Rico)	3	–	8
Thomas Hearns (US)	4	–	1
Doug DeWitt (US)	5	5	17
Chris Tiozzo (France)	6	7	14
Michael Olajide (Canada)	7	9	5
Herol Graham (England)	8	2	4
Roberto Duran (Panama)	9	4	6
Tony Thornton (US)	10	10	16
Sumbu Kalambay (Italy)	–	C	–
Mike McCallum (US)	–	3	7
In-Chul Baek (Korea)	–	6	10
Juan Roldan (Argentina)	–	8	12
Iran Barkley (US)	–	–	C
Lindell Holmes (US)	–	–	2
Robbie Sims (US)	–	–	9

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHT/ SUPER WELTERWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Matthew Hilton (Canada)	C	–	–
Robert Hines (US)	1	7	5
Troy Waters (Australia)	2	–	11
Darrin Van Horn (US)	3	3	6
Jose Varela (Germany)	4	9	14
Lupe Aquino (US)	5	5	3
Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)	6	8	16
Buster Drayton (US)	7	1	9
Gianfranco Rosi (Italy)	8	–	C
Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)	9	–	19
Rene Jacquot (France)	10	–	15
Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)	–	C	–
Donald Curry (US)	–	2	2
Carlos Elliott (Japan)	11	4	4
John Mugabi (Uganda)	–	6	1
Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)	–	10	17
Duane Thomas (US)	–	–	7
Al Long (US)	–	–	8
Chris Pyatt (England)	–	–	10

WELTERWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Simon Brown (US)	C	–	–
Al Long (US)	1	–	–
Tyrone Trice (US)	2	–	11
Jorge Maysonet (Puerto Rico)	3	–	27
Mark Breland (US)	4	3	3
Manning Galloway (US)	5	–	–
Bobby Joe Young (US)	6	–	–
Mauro Martelli (Switzerland)	7	8	13
Jean Fontana (France)	8	–	–
Robert Rucker (US)	9	–	–
Jorge Vaca (Mexico)	10	–	15
Marlon Starling (US)	–	C	–
Tomas Molinares (Colombia)	–	1	2
Yung-Kil Chung (Korea)	–	2	1
Maurice Blocker (US)	–	4	–
Rollin Williams (US)	11	5	4
Seung-Soon Lee (Korea)	–	6	5
Glenwood Brown (US)	–	7	26
Armando Rodriguez (Venezuela)	–	9	–
Fujio Ozaki (Japan)	–	10	9
Lloyd Honeyghan (England)	–	–	C
Kirkland Laing (England)	–	–	6
Derrick Kelly (US)	–	–	7
Helio Santana (Brazil)	–	–	8
Miguel Arroyo (Argentina)	–	–	10

JR. WELTERWEIGHT/ SUPER LIGHTWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
James McGirt (US)	C	–	–
Jong Jung Pacquing (Philippines)	1	–	–
Meldrick Taylor (US)	2	1	1
Frankie Warren (US)	3	–	11
John Meekins (US)	4	–	6
Vinny Pazienza (US)	5	–	20
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Frankie Randall (US)	7	–	8
Howard Davis (US)	8	–	7
Harold Brazier (US)	9	4	2
Tek N'Kalankete (France)	10	10	19
Juan Coggi (Argentina)	–	C	–
Akinobu Hiranaka (Japan)	–	2	9
Kyung-Duk Ahn (Korea)	–	3	4
Mike Johnson (US)	–	5	–
Francisco Ferrer (Philippines)	–	6	–
Engels Pedroza (Venezuela)	–	7	21
Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)	–	8	15
Vincent Releford (US)	–	9	17
Roger Mayweather (US)	–	–	C
Rene Arredondo (Mexico)	–	–	3
Cassius Clay Horn (US)	–	–	5
Rodolfo Gonzalez (Mexico)	–	–	10

LIGHTWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Greg Haugen (US)	C	–	–
Pernell Whitaker (US)	1	1	2
Amancio Castro (Colombia)	2	–	8
Fred Pendleton (US)	3	–	14
Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)	4	–	4
Gert Bo Jacobsen (Denmark)	5	10	–
Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)	6	–	21
Louie Lomeli (US)	7	3	15
Primo Ramos (Mexico)	8	7	6
Sakad Petchyindee (Thailand)	9	–	18
Terrence Alli (US)	10	8	3
Julio Cesar Chavez (Mexico)	–	C	1
Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)	–	2	5
Rafael Pineda (Colombia)	–	4	7
John Duplessis (US)	12	5	11
Rodolfo Aguilar (Panama)	–	6	–
Alberto Cortes (Argentina)	–	9	10
Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)	–	–	C
Chil-Sung Chun (Korea)	–	–	9

JR. LIGHTWEIGHT/ SUPER FEATHERWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Rocky Lockridge (US)	C	–	–
Tyrone Jackson (US)	1	2	8
Harold Knight (US)	2	8	7
Ariel Duran (Philippines)	3	–	–
Jim McDonnell (England)	4	9	13
Barry McGuigan (Ireland)	5	5	3
Felipe Orozco (Colombia)	6	–	–
Mario Martinez (Mexico)	7	1	2
Tony Lopez (US)	8	–	16
Roger Arevalo (Mexico)	9	–	5
Juan LaPorte (US)	10	–	11
Brian Mitchell (South Africa)	–	C	–
Mario Miranda (Colombia)	–	3	4
Jackie Beard (US)	–	4	24
Jose Rivera (Puerto Rico)	–	6	15
Jean-Baptiste Mendy (France)	–	7	19
Museta Bingunia (Zaire)	–	10	–
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)	–	–	C
Lester Ellis (Australia)	–	–	1
Lupe Suarez (US)	11	–	6
Johnny de la Rosa (Dom. Rep.)	–	–	9
Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)	–	–	10

FEATHERWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Calvin Grove (US)	C	–	–
Hector Lopez (US)	1	5	2
George Navarro (US)	2	–	3
Javier Marquez (Mexico)	3	–	7
Jeff Franklin (US)	4	9	14
Mauricio Stecca (Italy)	5	4	4
Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)	6	10	–
Jorge Paez (Mexico)	7	–	23
Miguel Francia (Argentina)	8	–	15
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Bernard Taylor (US)	10	–	13
Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)	–	C	–
Jose Marmolejos (Panama)	–	1	–
Valerio Nati (Italy)	–	2	–
Tyrone Downes (Barbados)	12	3	1
Mitsuru Sugiya (Japan)	–	6	22
Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)	–	7	6
Hun-Yung Park (Korea)	–	8	–

Jeff Fenech (Australia)	–	–	C
Marcos Villasana (Mexico)	–	–	5
Samart Payakarun (Thailand)	–	–	8
Robert Rivera (Puerto Rico)	–	–	9
Byung-Soo Park (Korea)	–	–	10

JR. FEATHERWEIGHT/ SUPER BANTAMWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Jose Sanabria (US)	C	–	–
Samart Payaakaroon (Thailand)	1	–	–
Jesse Benavides (US)	2	4	3
Vincenzo Belcastro (Italy)	3	–	–
Manuel Miranda (Puerto Rico)	4	–	–
Jesus Poll (US)	5	2	5
Valerio Nati (Italy)	6	–	2
Moises Fuentes (Colombia)	7	–	–
Ramon Cruz (Puerto Rico)	8	–	–
Steve McCrory (US)	9	–	6
Loris Stecca (Italy)	10	6	4
Juan Jose Estrada (Mexico)	–	C	–
Julio Gervacio (Dominican Rep.)	–	1	16
Bernardo Pinango (Venezuela)	–	3	–
Carlos Romero (Venezuela)	–	5	11
Mark Horikoshi (Japan)	–	7	7
Takuya Muguruma (Japan)	–	8	9
Pedro Decima (Argentina)	–	9	13
Louie Espinoza (US)	–	10	10
Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)	–	–	C
Seung-Soon Lee (Korea)	–	–	1
Luis Mendoza (Colombia)	–	–	8

BANTAMWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Orlando Canizales (US)	C	–	–
Jimmy Navarro (US)	1	–	–
Raul Perez (Mexico)	2	4	5
Kelvin Seabrooks (US)	3	–	–
Ken Mitchell (US)	4	5	–
Fabrice Benichou (France)	5	–	–
Hurley Snead (US)	6	6	3
Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)	7	3	1
Ray Minus (Bahamas)	8	–	11
Simon Skosana (South Africa)	9	–	–
Roland Gomez (US)	10	–	–
Kaokor Galaxy (Thailand)	–	C	–
Edgar Monserrat (Panama)	–	1	8
Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)	12	2	6
Frankie Duarte (US)	11	7	–
Paul Banke (US)	–	8	–
Sung-Kil Moon (Korea)	–	9	–
Huh Chun (Korea)	–	10	4
Miguel Lora (Colombia)	–	–	C
Alberto Davila (US)	–	–	2
Lucio Lopez (Argentina)	–	–	7
Israel Contreras (Venezuela)	–	–	9
Luisito Espinoza (Philippines)	–	–	10

JR. BANTAMWEIGHT/ SUPER FLYWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Elly Pical (Indonesia)	C	–	–
Juan Polo (Colombia)	1	–	5
Kong Payakaroon (Thailand)	2	3	15
Mauro Diaz (Mexico)	3	–	–
Santos Laciar (Argentina)	4	5	2
Armando Castro (Mexico)	5	–	7
Thanomsak Sithbaobey (Thailand)	6	4	9
Cesar Polanco (Dominican Rep.)	7	–	–
Ki-Chang Kim (Korea)	8	–	–
Mike Phelps (US)	9	–	–
Renaldo Carter (US)	10	–	–
Kaosai Galaxy (Thailand)	–	C	–
Kiyoshi Hatanaka (Japan)	–	1	4
Alberto Castro (Colombia)	–	2	–
Sugar Rojas (Colombia)	–	6	3
Tae-Il Chang (Korea)	–	7	12
Chiaki Kobayashi (Japan)	–	8	19
Welcome Ncita (South Africa)	–	9	–
Chang-Ho Choi (Korea)	–	10	8
Gilberto Roman (Mexico)	–	–	C
Juan Carazo (Puerto Rico)	–	–	1
Yoshiyuki Uchida (Japan)	–	–	6
Sung-Kil Moon (Korea)	–	–	10

FLYWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Rolando Bohol (Philippines)	C	–	–
Duke McKenzie (England)	1	3	1
Ramon Medel (US)	2	–	12
Dodie Penalosa (Philippines)	3	–	13
Daorung Chuwatana (Thailand)	4	–	–
Kenji Matsumura (Japan)	5	6	11
Elvis Alvarez (Colombia)	6	–	–
Jose Ruiz (Puerto Rico)	7	–	–
Maphai Narachavat (Thailand)	8	–	–
Satoshi Shingaki (Japan)	9	–	–
Cho-Woon Park (Korea)	10	–	22
Fidel Bassa (Colombia)	–	C	–
Hilario Zapata (Panama)	–	1	16
Miguel Mercedes (Dominican Rep.)	–	2	2
Orlando Canizales (US)	–	4	–
Paul Gonzales (US)	–	5	21
Adrian Roman (Argentina)	–	7	5
Leopard Tamakuma (Japan)	–	8	4
Richard Clarke (Jamaica)	–	9	3
Emil Matsushima (Japan)	–	10	9
Sot Chitalada (Thailand)	–	–	C
Javier Lucas (Mexico)	12	–	6
Soon-Joong Kang (Korea)	–	–	7
Yul-Woo Lee (Korea)	–	–	8
Nana Kanadu (Ghana)	–	–	10

JR. FLYWEIGHT/ LIGHT FLYWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Jum-Hwan Choi (Korea)	C	–	–
Mario DeMarco (Argentina)	1	2	9
Isidro Perez (Mexico)	2	–	3
Humberto Gonzales (Mexico)	3	1	2
Francisco Tejedor (Colombia)	4	5	4
Sonny Vidal (Philippines)	5	–	14
Tacy Macalos (Philippines)	6	–	12
Tony DeLuca (US)	7	–	–
Putt Ohyuthnakorn (Thailand)	8	10	19
Carlos Orobio (Panama)	9	–	28
Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)	10	3	6
Myung-Woo Yuh (Korea)	–	C	–
Rodolfo Blanco (Colombia)	–	4	8
Yong-Kang Kim (Korea)	–	6	5
Wilibaldo Salazar (Mexico)	–	7	–
Udin Beharudin (Indonesia)	12	8	–
Hideyuki Ohashi (Japan)	–	9	11
Jung-Koo Chang (Korea)	–	–	C
German Torres (Mexico)	–	–	1
Agustin Garcia (Colombia)	–	–	7
Katsumi Komiyama (Japan)	–	–	10

MINI FLY/MINIMUMWEIGHT/ STRAWWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Samuth Sithnarvelpol (Thailand)	C	–	–
Eric Chavez (Philippines)	1	–	6
Boy Lucas (Philippines)	2	–	3
Kajkong Danpoothai (Thailand)	3	–	12
Santiago Mendez (Mexico)	4	–	4
John Arief (Indonesia)	5	–	8
Trang Boonlert (Thailand)	6	7	23
Inkyu Hwang (Korea)	7	–	–
Luis Monzote (US)	8	–	–
Hector Patri (Argentina)	9	–	15
Javier Varquez (Mexico)	10	–	7
Rafael Gamez (Venezuela)	–	C	–
Bong-Jun Kim (Korea)	–	1	–
Tony DeLuca (US)	–	2	–
Augustin Garcia (Colombia)	–	3	–
Sam-Joong Lee (Korea)	–	4	16
Jose Lagos (Argentina)	12	5	10
Ha-Shik Lim (Korea)	–	6	–
Nico Thomas (Indonesia)	–	8	19
Yasuo Yogi (Japan)	–	9	17
Benedicto Murillo (Panama)	–	10	–
Hiroki Ioka (Japan)	–	–	C
Sung-Oon Lee (Korea)	–	–	1
Kyung-Yung Lee (Korea)	–	–	2
Efren Pinto (Mexico)	–	–	5
Ricardo Lopez (Mexico)	–	–	9

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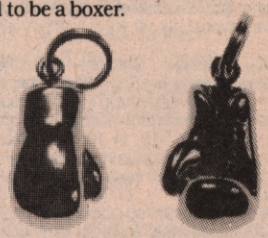

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Jaime Santos, 116, stopped Gil Ceniza, 116, in the third round of a supporting eight.
Promoter: Jose Alegria.
(5-28-88)

▶**CEBU**—Erwin Guevarra, 128, unanimously decisioned Roger Pilapil, 128, in 10.
Boy Dignos, 111, was given a majority nod over Joseph Cortez, 108, in 10.
Promoter: Christopher C. Arnaco.
(5-28-88)

▶**DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Ric Apatan, 118, fought to a split draw with Boy Pollard, also 118, in 10.
Speedy Sidong, 118, eked out a split decision over Jun Salisi, also 118, in 10.
Rodolfo Igloria, 120, stopped Ariel Deloso, 112, in the fourth session of a scheduled 10.
Promoter: Saturnino Alagaon.
(5-28-88)

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▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Downrung Technicutaradit, the Thai Commission's second-ranked flyweight, 114, utilized his puzzling southpaw style and won a unanimous decision over Kwanjai Sorpengpis, a durable veteran, in six. Downrung drew with Rae-Ki Ahn in Korea and got ranked by the IBF. He is 16-3-1 with 10 knockouts.
(6-2-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Den Sorthanikul, the TBC's fifth-ranked mini-flyweight, 113, demolished a simon pure named Bureerum Laudaryuthaya, 113, in the fifth round of a scheduled six.
(6-6-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Tantavan Vongvianyai, the Thai top bantamweight contender, 116, took a unanimous decision over Lauchai Kiatsonthaya, 118, in six.
(6-7-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Chucherd Eausampan, the TBC's #8 bantie, knocked out a lefty named Somchai Kiatsonthaya, 120, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
(6-8-88)
▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Kajkong Danthoothai, the WBC's 12th-ranked strawweight, sent Neramit Singdownkanong, the TBC's #4 bantamweight, to the canvas and won a unanimous decision in 10. Naramit reduced seven pounds to face the IBF's #4 contender, Kajikong, and looked weak from the start. Kajikong is 8-0 with five kayoes.
(6-9-88)
▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Muanchai Kitikasem, a hard-punching boy from Muay-Thai (national kick boxing), 109, made his debut in the international style fight and decked an important victory over Indonesian champ Udin Baharudin, 110, in 10. Muanchai floored Udin for the nine count and put on an aggressive battle. Udin fought well in the last three rounds as Muanchai became tired.

Udin, the WBA's ninth-ranked junior flyweight, kept running away from the vaunted power of Muangchai in the first six rounds. He failed to show enough effort to win the bout.
(6-10-88)
▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Kongnapha Singthorchor, the TBC's #4 junior featherweight, 126, gave a lesson to less experienced Eakayuth Sorkiatphothong, also 126, and won a unanimous decision in six.

Kongnapha has changed his ring name from Singthorchor to Chorvikul from this fight, reportedly.
(6-11-88)
▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Pornchai Boonthavee, the Thai Commission's #9 mini-flyweight, 110, displayed his good footwork to be awarded a unanimous decision over Uthai Newflemtree, also 110, in six. Thai judges who usually love hit-and-run tactics gave more points to the footworker than the crowd thought he deserved.
(6-13-88)
▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Thai junior featherweight champ Noree Jokkygym, 123, pounded out a unanimous decision over Nakarach Kiatsonthaya, the Thai #3 bantie, due to his onesided attacks in a non-title eight.

Noree is 24-5-1 with nine kayoes.
(6-15-88)
▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Yingyai Petchvihar, the TBC's #3 junior featherweight, eked out a split duke over Monchai Newflemtree, a southpaw boxer, in six. Yingyai is a sparring partner of former world flyweight kingpin **Sot Chitalada,** being managed by Sombhop Srisomvongse.
(6-17-88)
▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Thanomsak Sithboabay, the WBA's fourth-ranked junior bantamweight contender, 117, onesidedly battered Korean Joong-Sup Chun, 117, stopping him in the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Thanomsak, called a second **Pone Kingpetch**, is a tall and hard-punching prospect who has beaten ex-WBC flyweight champ **Frank Cedeno**. Thanomsak is 21-1 with 12 knockouts.
(6-19-88)
▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Entering the paid ranks, ex-amateur star Kart Charbandit, 108, took a unanimous decision over Virachai Vongprasert, the TBC's #8 flyweight, in six.
(6-24-88)
▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Ratana Singsamang, the TBC's top junior featherweight contender, 125, proved too fresh and ferocious, dropped Ayuthaya Singphakamrong, 126, in the first round, and won a unanimous decision in six. Ratana is 11-1 with five knockouts.
(6-28-88)
▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Sakchai Kiatsonthaya, formerly ranked highly by the TBC, 119, made a comeback, but hit the deck after a body shot in the third round and lost a decision to Chucherd Eausampan, the Thai #8 bantie, 120, in six.
(6-29-88)

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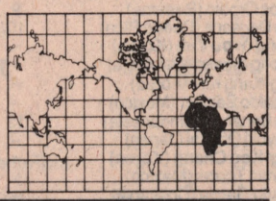

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SOUTH AFRICA

▶**CAPE TOWN**—Isaac Yoto won the Cape junior middleweight title when he defeated Michael Gqwetani over 10 rounds.

Yoto had to use all his experience and ring craft to beat a courageous Gqwetani.
(4-17-88)
▶**EAST LONDON**—Mzwandile Ncita scored an impressive eight-round decision over Lungile Ndundu in the featherweight division.

This card was placed in jeopardy when the boxers arrived at the stadium to discover there was no boxing ring. After a frantic search, a ring was located and hastily erected. Some two hours behind schedule, the card got underway.

In the main supporting bout, Vuyani Bungu knocked out Temba Gawula in the third round of a scheduled eight-round featherweight contest.
(4-24-88)
▶**JOHANNESBURG**—A small crowd of 300 saw Chris Whiteboy score an easy, 10-round points win over a rather hesitant Philemon Ayesu from Malawi.

The bout was in the welterweight division, but Whiteboy came in just over the lightweight limit. However, he proved too fast and mobile for Ayesu.

Keith Rass scored a onesided, eight-round decision over a rather negative Ali Faki from Malawi in the featherweight division.

Young bantamweight prospect Jan Losper was most impressive as he pounded out a second-round stoppage over Michael Phiri of Zambia.
(4-25-88)
▶**SUN CITY**—South African KO king **Johnny Du Plooy** avenged his previous defeat when he knocked out **Mike Weaver** in the second round before some 6,000 spectators in the Superbowl.

The big punching former WBA heavyweight titleholder started fast, scoring with some good left jabs and opening a cut over Du Plooy's left eye.

In the second round Du Plooy backed the American against the ropes and scored with a short right to the jaw that dropped Weaver to his knees, where he was obliged to take an eight count. This was the beginning of the end as Du Plooy landed a series of clubbing rights to the head that dropped Weaver on his face to be counted out.

Harold Volbrecht, defending his South African welterweight title for the 17th time, was far too experienced for Patrick Mthimkulu, knocking him out in the 11th round of a scheduled 12.

Fransie Badenhorst completely outclassed Lucky Shezi before stopping him in the third of a scheduled featherweight 10.

Howard Mpepesi was far too strong for Leonard Freedman and stopped him in the seventh round to win the Transvaal heavyweight title.
(4-30-88)
▶**EAST LONDON**—Ngaba Goruza knocked out Mdoda Hleli in the fourth round in a junior flyweight contest.

Luvuyo Kakaza retained the Cape lightweight title when he stopped Monde Sagaka in the fifth of a scheduled 10.
(5-1-88)
▶**DURBAN**—Elijah Cele retained the Natal lightweight title with a unanimous, 10-round decision over Joshua Dube.
(5-2-88)
▶**SPRINGS**—Gregory Clark won the vacant South African junior middleweight title with an 11-round stoppage over Gerhard Botes.

Though Clark won, he had some tough moments before eventually subduing the dogged Botes.
(5-2-88)
▶**ELDORADO PARK**—Stanley Mathe gained sweet revenge for his previous defeat at the hands of Petros Mahlangu when he landed a cracking right to the jaw to put Mahlangu down and out in the seventh round in their Transvaal featherweight title fight.

In a Transvaal welterweight title fight, Patrick Mbamba scored a sensational second-round knockout over challenger Gift Sithole.
(5-8-88)
▶**EAST LONDON**—Californian Tony DeLuca won a close and exciting 10-round decision over local hero Odwa Mdleleni in the flyweight division.

The experienced American scored a knockdown in the 10th round to swing a rather close fight his way, the scores reading 95-94, 97-93, and 95-95.
(5-8-88)
▶**POTCHEFSTROOM**—Unbeaten Dingaan Thobela scored a onesided, fifth-round TKO over Andy Deabreu of Wales in a lightweight match.

In a rather untidy fight, the young Thobela did well to overcome the rough tactics adopted by his opponent before causing the referee to intervene 45 seconds into the last frame.

Peter Uys turned the tide in the fourth round to land a terrific left hook that led to the intervention of the referee and a stoppage of Bokkie Buys for the vacant Transvaal middleweight title.
(5-9-88)
▶**SPRINGS**—Springs Indoor Centre—South Africans Freddie Rafferty and Sakkie Horn both scored convincing victories over American foes in a show promoted by former WBA heavyweight titleholder **Gerrie Coetzee**.

Approximately 1,500 fans saw Rafferty have little trouble in disposing of the highly touted Tony Fulilangi at 2:25 of the second round. The end came after a barrage of blows to Fulilangi's head that dropped him on his side for the count.

Horn, the South African light heavyweight champion, scored a unanimous decision over Jimmy Bills in an interesting 10.
(5-23-88)

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WORLDWIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Michael Dokes TKO4 Manuel Clay De Almeida
Kevin Wagstaff Tech. Draw 1 Geoff Peate
James Smith Tech. Draw 3 Mike Rouse
Apollo Sweet W10 Daniel Saylor
Apollo Sweet TKO9 Dave Russell
Wesley Watson W10 John Morton
Levi Billups KO5 Mike White
Dino Homsey TKO2 Cecil Coffee
Evander Holyfield TKO5 James Tillis
Andre Prophet TKO1 David Nalls
Wesley Watson TKO1 Frankie Hines
Michael Greer KO9 Rick Enis

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Tony Willis TKO2 Frank Minton
Chris Reid TKO3 Carlos Santistevan
Tony Byrd TKO4 Juan Hernandez
Art Jimmerson TKO6 Lenny LaPaglia
Seamus McDonagh W10 Vince Hopper
Mike DeVito W12 Jamie Howe
Michael Moorer TKO2 Lavelle Stanley
Joe Lasisi TKO8 Mike Sedillo

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Michael Nunn TKO9 Frank Tate
(Won IBF Title)
Tony Thornton KO3 Jerry Holly
Donald Curry TKO9 Gianfranco Rosi
(Won WBC Super Welterweight Title)
John Mugabi TKO4 Kenny Snow
Dan Morgan TKO9 John Featherstone
Mark Janssen W12 Joe Nitiva
Young Dick Tiger KO4 Jaime Montano
Matthew Hilton TKO4 Paul Whittaker
Rene Jacquot TKO11 Erwin Heiber
Julian Jackson KO3 Buster Drayton
(Retained WBA Jr. Middleweight Title)
Francisco Lisboa W12 Carlos Elliott
Karama Leota KO2 Jerome Kelly
Ron Collins W10 Mike Sacchetti
Gene Hatcher W10 Ron Johnson

WELTERWEIGHTS

Lloyd Honeyghan KO5 Yung-Kil Chung
(Retained World Championship)
Tomas Molinares KO6 Marlon Starling
(Won WBA Title)
Gary Hinton W10 Dexter Smith
James McGirt KO1 Howard Davis Jr.
(Retained IBF Jr. Welterweight Title)
Edwin Rosario KO1 Javier Cerna
Rafael Pineda KO5 Juan Manija
Jorge Rivera TKO8 Steve Gutierrez
Rene Arredondo KO5 Lalo Velasquez
Mike Johnson TKO9 Engels Pedroza
Vinny Pazienza TKO4 Felix Dubray
Luis Santana TKO4 Graylin Curry
Frankie Warren W12 Clarence Coleman
Simon Brown KO3 Jorge Vaca
(Retained IBF Title)
Manning Galloway W12 Rollin Williams
Bobby Joe Young W10 Ali Salaam
Hugh Kearney W10 David Taylor
Fujio Ozaki W12 Francisco Ferrer
Katsumi Nonoguchi W10 Ki-Joung Son
Tetsuya Manaka D10 Seiji Yoshida
Min-Sil Chi W10 Yong-Soo Park
Eder Gonzalez KO5 Jesus Vega
Robin Blake W10 Javier Cerna
Harold Brazier TKO6 Darrell Bryant

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Fred Pendleton TKO10 Ras-I Aluja Bramble
George Jones TKO6 Salvatore Curcetti
Wilfredo Gomez TKO6 Mario Gonzalez
Simon Maidment D10 Tony Marrette
Rico Velasquez KO5 Robert Lewis
Tony Lopez W12 Rocky Lockridge
(Won IBF Jr. Lightweight Title)
Oh-Kyun Chang KO1 Naoyuki Iramina
Yasuyuki Fukuda TKO8 Hun-Chul Kwon
Dong-Il Kim W10 Tiger Asakura
Masahiro Takagi W10 Eiji Oyama
Fudai Michigami KO8 Takehito Nakano
Hengky Gun TKO12 Geron Porras
Guadalupe Miranda TKO3 Isidro Medina
Julio Cesar Chavez KO3 Yogi Buchanan

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Pedro Decima TKO3 Jesse Benavides
Vincenco Limatola W12 Carlo Quintano
Tony Miller W12 Graig Pevy
Jorge Diaz KO6 Mike Moreno
Paul Banke W10 Robert Shannon
Hector Lopez TKO9 Mauricio Beltran
Steve Cruz TKO5 Alfred Rangel
Ralph Reyes KO1 Antonio Chavez
Gilbert Contreras TKO9 Diego Briones
Jorge Paez W15 Calvin Grove
(Won IBF Title)

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Gilberto Roman TKO5 Yoshiyuki Uchida
(Retained WBC Super Flyweight Title)
Orlando Canizales TKO15 Kelvin Seabrooks
(Won IBF Title)
Ricky Romero W10 Javier Diaz
Frankie Duarte KO7 Ron Cisneros
Kenny Mitchell TKO8 Gilbert Contreras
Chiaki Kobayashi TKO9 Tae-Sang Chun
Emil Matsushima KO1 Seung-Hwa Kang
Dong-Chun Lee KO8 Romeo Opriasa
Rae-Ki Ahn TKO7 Duk-Kyun Lee
Wongso Indrajit TKO3 Wim Sapulete
Thanomsak Sithboabay TKO4 Joong-Sup Chun
Miguel Lora W12 Albert Davila
(Retained WBC Title)

FLYWEIGHTS

Yong-Kang Kim W12 Sot Chitalada
(Won World Championship)
Jung-Koo Chang TKO8 Hideyuki Ohashi
(Retained WBC Light Flyweight Title)
Kenichi Kimura TKO6 Toshio Nayuki
Kenji Matsumura D10 Yosuke Matsuoka
Missile Kudo W10 Yasuo Yogi
Takeo Onishi TKO2 Kazuya Shigeno
Katsumi Komiyama W10 Putt Ohyuthanakorn
Akio Kawamata D10 Yasutaka Sakurai

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Freddy Pendleton (left) connects with an uppercut to the chin of Ras-I Aluja Bramble en route to a cut-eye TKO victory in Atlantic City.

IN THIS CORNER

by Nigel Collins

LUCIEN CHEN (Promoter)

PHOTO BY BRYAN CUMMINGS

LUCIEN CHEN HAD SET UP TEMPORARY headquarters on the third floor of the Jamaica Pegasus in downtown Kingston. He sat behind a desk covered with six constantly ringing telephones, calmly giving orders and greeting guests as a whirlwind of chaotic activity swirled around him. Obviously in his element, Chen paused to welcome a newcomer with the kind of warmth usually reserved for the oldest of friends.

A small man with delicate features, Chen's love of life gives him a youthful vitality despite his 60-something years on this planet. A born salesman, he's charismatic and charming. But you don't have to stretch the imagination too far to realize that if you cross him, he could also be a formidable enemy.

On this particular day, however, there were no enemies, only friends looking for free fight tickets to the Simon Brown-Jorge Vaca bout three days later. Chen, whose name has been synonymous with Jamaican boxing for over 30 years, had successfully brought big time boxing back to Jamaica after a lengthy absence.

Chen's affection for the Noble Art goes back to his youth. Born in the poverty-stricken Matthews Lane section of Kingston, he rose from his humble beginnings to become a rich man through a combination of ambition, intelligence and old fashioned hard work. While he prospered in everything from real estate to publishing, boxing has always held a special place in Chen's heart.

In the late 1950s Chen's guidance helped Gerald Gray become the first Jamaican boxer to earn a spot in the Top 10. While Gray never got a title shot, a decade later, Chen had the pleasure of promoting two fights in Kingston featuring homegrown talents bidding for world titles. First, Bunny Grant challenged Eddie Perkins for the junior welterweight belt, April 18, 1964. Grant gave it a good try, but lost a 15-round decision. The next year Jamaica's Percy Hayles got a crack at Carlos Hernandez, who had beaten Perkins in the interim. Hernandez stopped Hayles in three rounds, but Chen's reputation as a major international promoter was secure.

An interesting sidelight to this pair of title bouts is that while both drew well, the biggest crowd in Jamaican boxing history (27,000) came when Chen matched Grant and Hayles against each other. But the fight which really put Jamaica — and Chen — on the pugilistic map was George Foreman's upset knockout over Joe Frazier for the heavyweight title in 1973. While the Government and National Sports Limited were the official promoters of record, it was Chen's contacts and boxing know-how that made the extravaganza possible.

Chen, a world-class bridge player, has also put his business acumen to work helping many of Jamaica's boxers at the bargaining table. He was the one who finally hammered out a contract between Don King and Trevor Berbick when the then-WBC heavyweight champ was negotiating to fight Mike Tyson. When native sons Mike McCallum and Lloyd Honeyghan return to Jamaica for a holiday, Chen is invariably the first person they visit.

Boxing also played a role when Chen took a fling at producing movies. American promoter Bob Arum was featured in "The Marijuana Affair," cast, naturally, as a sleazy drug dealer. While the picture suffered from poor distribution, Arum's rival Dan Duva frequently delights boxing reporters with private screenings. The scene where Arum gets shot almost led to a real tragedy.

"The prop man was supposed to load the gun with blanks," claimed Chen. "But somehow live ammunition was used. Fortunately, the actor pointed the gun up in the air when he shot and only hit a tree branch. But you should have seen the look on everyone's face . . . especially Bob's."

A true sportsman, Chen is currently chairman of Track Price Plus Limited, the organization responsible for most of Jamaica's horse racing. He has imported many top thoroughbreds to Jamaica, winning practically every major stake in the country.

Though the Brown-Vaca bout failed to attract the large crowd everybody was hoping for, it was deemed a success from a marketing point of view. Jamaica reaped tons of positive publicity via CBS-TV's telecast, which is bound to help the all-important tourist industry. However, the immediate future of Jamaican boxing lies not in large-scale cards at the National Stadium, but in casino-type shows held at posh hotels catering to those who can afford high ticket prices.

In fact, Chen is already busy planning such a venture. □

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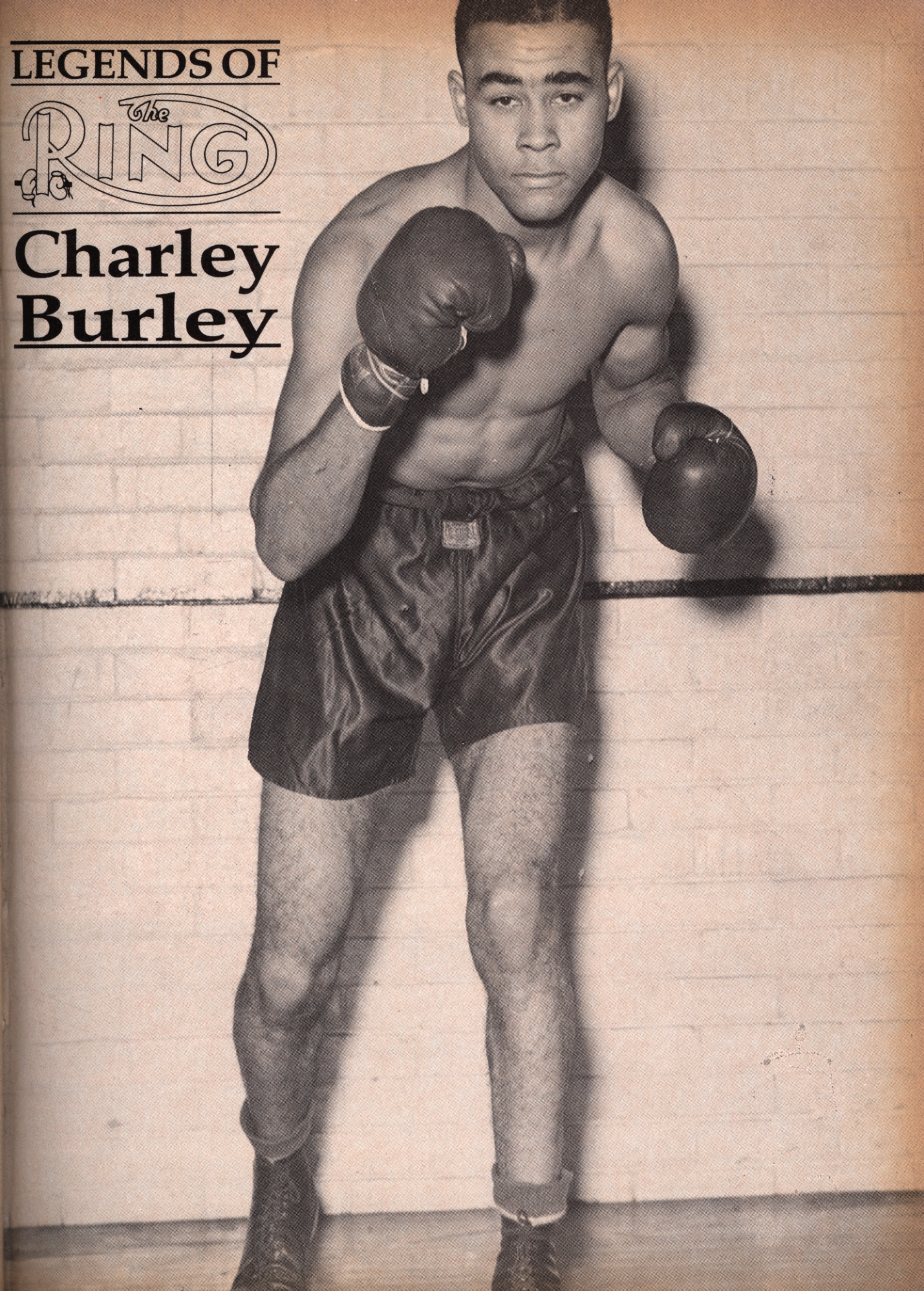

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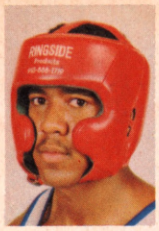


Training Headgear—All New 3 Foam Design w/Safety ear air channel, Velcro adjustment buckle strap. HGB S, M, L 42.00

Bag Gloves—3/4 inch Foam Padding, Two Sizes, Great for Heavy Bag and Speed Bag. BG M, L 24.00

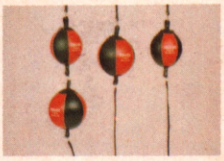
Leather Boxing Shoes—Extra high 10" shoe. Rubber sole. Four stripes can be personalized with your choice of colors. LBS $40.00

Competition Gauze—tight weave won't unravel—used by most professional trainers, USA/ABF & Golden Gloves approved. CG-1 40.00

Punch Mitts—New, 2" foam pad is easier on hands. Deeper glove protects fingers. PM $45.00

Thumbless Competition Gloves—10 or 12 oz. USA/ABF approved. Available in red or blue.
SGT-10 $95.00 set; SGT-12 97.00 set

Attached Thumb Competition Gloves —10 or 12 oz. USA/ABF approved. Available in red or blue. SGA-10 $95.00 set; SGA-12 $97.00 set.



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Double Double-End Bag $70.00
Reg. Size $36.00; Peanut Size $36.00

Professional Fight Glove 8 or 10 oz. Attached Thumb. Large hand size, foam padded. PFG8 86.00
PFG 10 92.00

Speed Bag—All Goatskin, triple reinforced loop, RPSB 8x5, RPSB-1 9x6 30.00 Pro Swivel-Triple Ball Bearing. Extra Fast
PS 11.00

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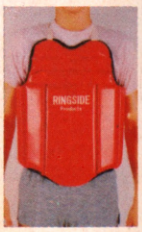
Competition Headguard—with and without cheek protectors, USA/ABF approved 3 foam design available in Red, Blue, Gold, White, Red/White/Blue USA, small, medium, large SG (with cheek) SG-1 (without) 36.00



Super Body Protector — Foam/Plastic/Foam design. Super protection - learn body punching. Wrap around design. SBP M&L 39.00

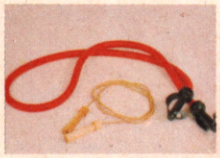
Training Handwraps 2"x170" extra long for added protection, velcro closure. Bright red color
HW 3.99

Training Gloves the world's most complete line! Attached thumb, elastic wrist, or thumbless. 2 inch, 4 foam design, safest training gloves in the world! Extra long cuff. All double stitched RP-14 (attached thumb) $118.00. RP-16 120.00, RP-18 125.00, RP-14E (elastic) 122.00, RP-16E 125.00, RP-18E 130.00, RP-14TL (thumbless) 122.00, RP-16TL 125.00, RP-18TL 130.00 (Prices for 4 gloves)

Canvas Heavy Bag 14"x 42, 20 oz. canvas foam liner, unfilled 35.00, filled 70.00. Leather Heavy Bag 14" x 42, thick leather will last a lifetime, unfilled 110.00, filled 145.00. Water Heavy Bag, "It feels human" PFB 100 lb. 110.00, PFB-1 130 lb. 130.00, PFB-2 150 lb. 170.00. Uppercut Bag 24" x 42, 20 oz. canvas, foam liner. Unfilled 35.00, filled 70.00.
*All filled bags must be prepaid—call for shipping costs.

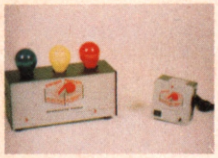
Pro Style Cup—protects groin, hip, & kidney. Approved for amateur use also. RPNF S, M, L, XL 45.00

Coachspar Mitts — Now longer for more wrist protection, thicker padding. Teach defense and offense. CS 47.00



Jump Rope—Leather rope, ball bearing handle. Available in two sizes. JR8, $8.00; JR9, $9.00. Ultra Rope—weighted rope combines the elements of weight training and rope jumping. 3, 4 & 5 lbs. sizes. UTR $38.00

Super Guard Mouthpiece—Molds to each tooth. Fits top & bottom teeth for extra jaw protection.
SGMP $3.99



Training Timers—Spar-Mate—has 3 + 2 min. work cycle, 1 min. rest, 30 sec. end of round warning buzzer. Lights & bell to indicate rounds.SM $112.00
Personal Spar-Mate—has buzzer on 1 min/3 min. cycle PSM $49.00

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